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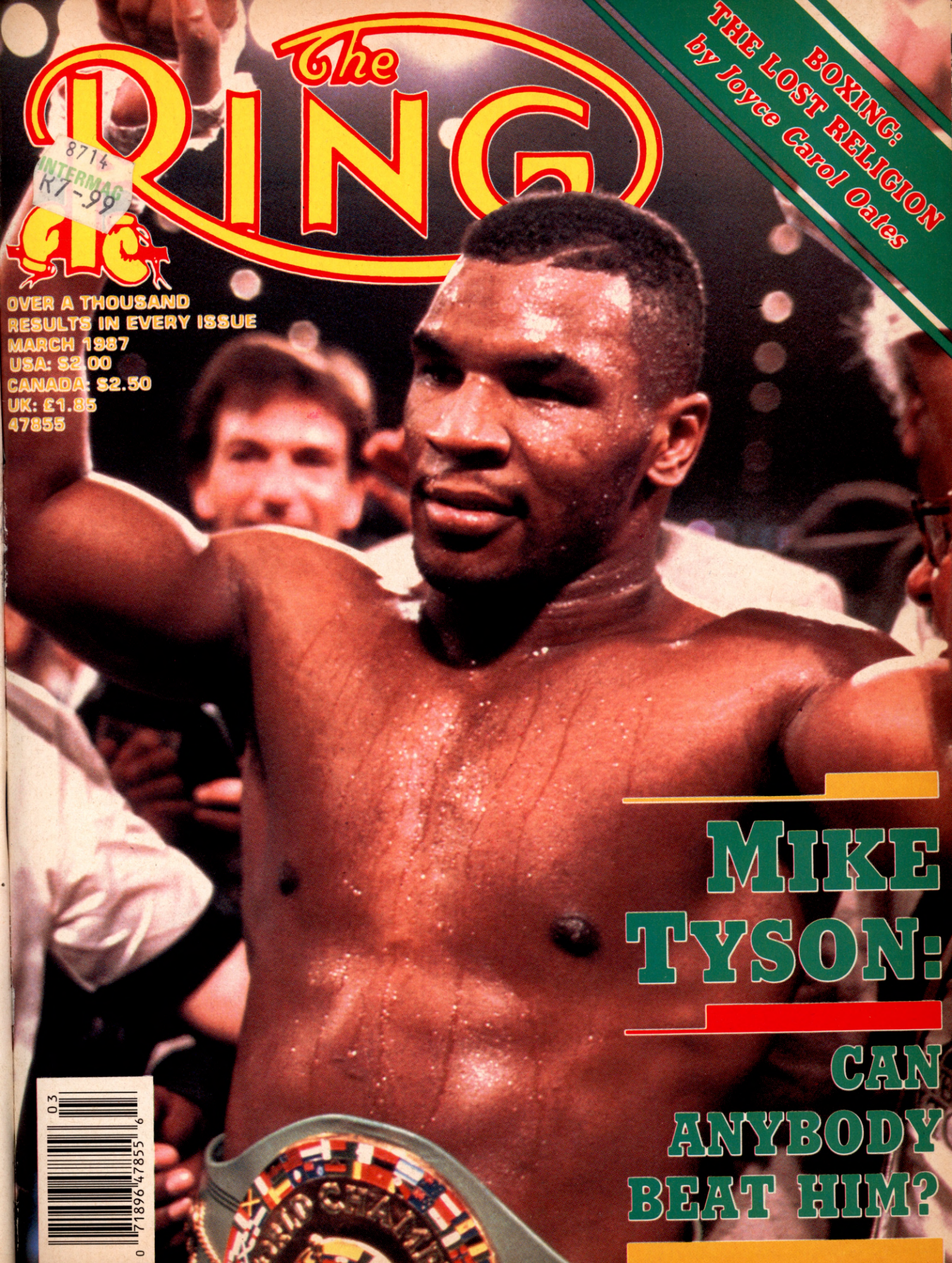

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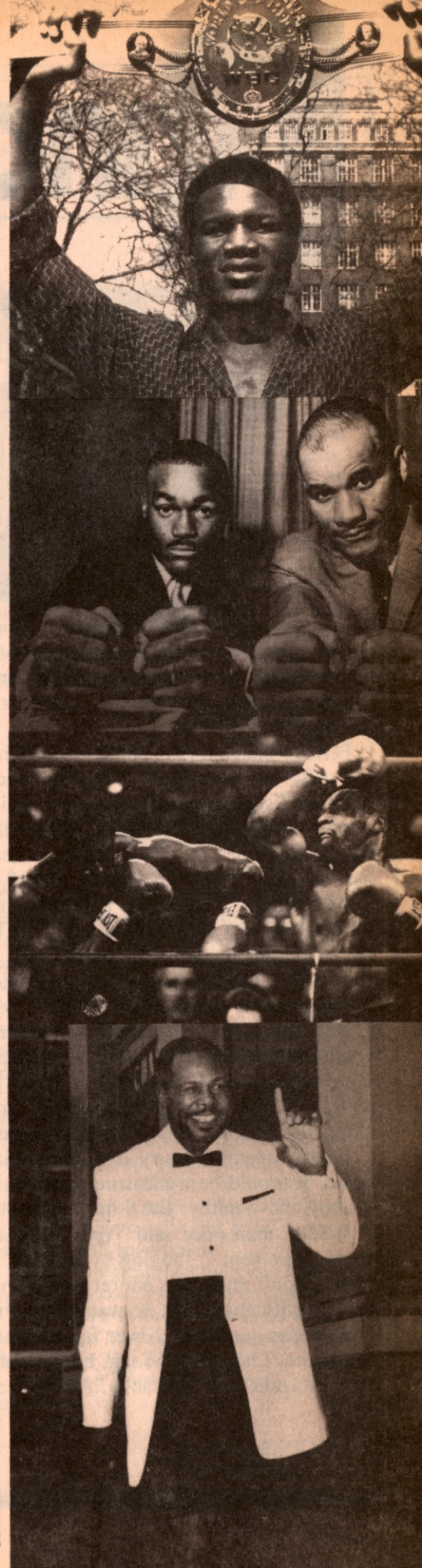

RINGSIDE

Almost forgotten amid the excitement of Mike Tyson's ascension to the WBC heavyweight throne was Larry Holmes' retirement. Although it made the evening news across the country, scant attention was paid to the old champ's farewell.

Perhaps blame for the public's indifference should be laid squarely in Larry's lap. After all, he's spent almost as much time with his foot in his mouth as with his fist in a glove. But then again, maybe the sporting populace had trouble taking Holmes seriously, especially with the embarrassing "rap" routine that accompanied his announcement. Remember, it was the second time Larry has "retired" since his rematch loss to Michael Spinks.

As a fighter, Holmes has nothing to prove. He dominated the division from the time he beat Ken Norton for the WBC title in 1979 until last year, when he was upset by Spinks. History will judge his place among heavyweight champions, but I have a sneaking suspicion posterity will be kinder to Larry than his recent press clippings.

Nevertheless, be they champion or chump, most fighters refuse to retire for good until they really get clobbered. Until then, the temptation to give it one more shot is usually too great to resist. It's the nature of the species. Few are willing to admit they're finished until somebody administers a beating severe enough to prove it. That hasn't happened to Holmes—yet.

I'd like to think Larry is going to live up to his promise and never fight again. It would be a pleasure to watch such an excellent fighter walk away healthy and wealthy. But I have my doubts.

A wise man once said "only a person who is at peace with himself can enjoy retirement." Judging by Holmes' caustic remarks during his retirement bash, I don't think he's entirely ready to rest on his laurels. He still feels, with some justification, that he was robbed in his rematch with Spinks.

Few men, and even fewer fighters, have enough character to go gracefully to pasture. I hope I'm wrong, but I wouldn't be too surprised to see Larry lace 'em up again . . . especially if the price is right.

Nigel Collins

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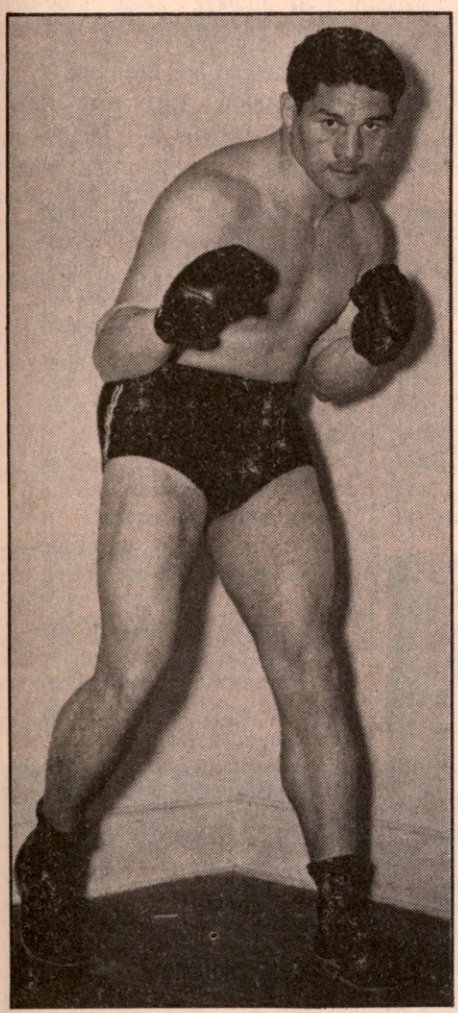


Reader Eddie Larkin thinks the late Arturo Godoy would have beaten many of the current crop of heavyweights. See "Godoy Remembered" for details.

HAGLER-LEONARD CONTROVERSY RAGES

ALTHOUGH SUGAR RAY LEONARD was (maybe still is) an exceptional fighter, I think that if he is going to try and beat Marvelous Marvin Hagler he should go about it properly because he will have to live with the result and regrets. Leonard should have two quick warm-up fights to get rid of his ring rust and build up some confidence in his ability to fight as a middleweight. Even at this stage, if he didn't like what he saw, he could forget about it. This would be infinitely better than his current "Christians vs. Lions" plan which will do himself, and boxing in general, great harm. I'm sure that if Hagler has waited this long to get it on with Sugar Ray, he will wait a few months longer.

S. SAMARA
Greenwich, England

IT IS A DISGRACE TO THE BOXING world for a Leonard-Hagler fight to be allowed. Leonard hasn't fought anybody of note in over four years and he is not ranked. There are middleweight contenders who have earned a title shot. Boxing fans should not be duped into spending money on such a farce. Let Leonard fight Hagler for nothing, and if he wins, we'll pay him for a return match.

JACK CORMACK
Albuquerque, New Mexico

I'M TIRED OF HEARING A BUNCH OF media wimps bellyache about how Leonard should not be allowed to fight Hagler because of his long layoff. Give us real fight fans a break! Hagler and Leonard are the best two fighters of the past few decades. I, for one, can't wait to see them get it on.

JIMMY CARROLL
Philadelphia, Pa.

GODOY REMEMBERED

I JUST READ THAT CHILEAN HEAVYweight Arturo Godoy has taken the final count ("Veteran Boxers Beat," *The Ring*, December 1986). If the "Wild Goat of the Andes" was in action today he would stand on top of the heavyweight mountain, especially against competition like Tony Tubbs, Gerry Cooney, Pinklon Thomas, Michael Spinks and Trevor Berbick. Arturo held Joe Louis to a split decision in their first fight and also beat Tommy Loughran and Tony Galento. Let's hope more fighters like Godoy turn up on the international scene in the future.

EDDIE LARKIN
Newark, N.J.

A BROADSIDE FROM BRITAIN

AS AN AVID READER OF YOUR USUally excellent magazine, I was somewhat disturbed to read a particular item in your October '86 issue. The offending article, by Joseph D'O'Brian, was about the middleweight contenders ready to step into Marvin Hagler's shoes when he retires. I was very annoyed at the way Britain's Herol Graham was dismissed as virtually a no-hoper.

In my opinion, Graham is currently the best middleweight in the world with the exception of Mr. Hagler, of course. (John) Mugabi would not be able to land a blow on Graham and Robbie Sims would be annihilated. How on earth Mr. D'O'Brian could give Sims a "Right Stuff" rating of 75% I will never know.

The only logical fight for a vacant title, in my view, would be Hearns vs. Graham.

Just for the record, we Brits do sometimes have a *live* one. Ever hear of Lloyd Honeyghan, Mr. D'O'Brian?

Be warned America, the worm is turning!!

R.J. LEHBRIDGE
Teynham, England

Round One

by Nigel Collins

THE END OF AN ARENA

The first fight I ever covered for *The Ring* was at the old **Philadelphia Arena**; **Bennie Briscoe** TKO 7 **Luis Vinales**, October 11, 1972. The Arena was a great place to see a fight. Big enough (around 7,500 seats) to accommodate a major fight, but not so big that even the cheapest seat wasn't a good one. To say the dump had atmosphere is like saying Joe Louis could punch. Built in the '20s, it was located at 46th and Market Streets in what is now known as West Philly.

Though the joint hosted everything from ice hockey to bullfights, it was steeped in boxing history. **Johnny Jadick** defended his junior welterweight title there in 1931 with a 10-round decision over **Tony Canzoneri**. The year before, the immortal **Kid Chocolate** twice graced the building with his presence, beating **Johnny Farr** and losing to **Frankie Klick** in a pair of junior lightweight title fights. In later years, **Lou Salica** defended his bantamweight crown with a 15-round decision over **Tommy Forte**. In the last world title bout held there, **Harold Johnson** outpointed **Doug Jones** for the vacant world light heavyweight championship, May 12, 1962. But that was far from the end of boxing at the Arena.

Practically every major Philadelphia fighter over the past 50 years shed blood at the Arena. Among them were **Joe Frazier, Gil Turner, Saad Muhammad, Sugar Hart, Cyclone Hart, George Benton, Joey Giardello, Tyrone Everett, Kitten Hayward, Len Matthews, Benny Bass, Gypsy Joe Harris, Leotis Martin**, . . . and on and on.

Long after the big local matches moved to the **Spectrum**, the Arena plugged on with low-budget promotions. But that's not to say there weren't some quality fighters on display. In fact, a couple of the last few cards there featured **Tim Witherspoon**.

Then, on October 4, 1981, a fire destroyed the building, bringing to an end its long career as a fight site. At the time, the property was owned by **Mark Stewart**, who is currently serving a four-year prison sentence for tax evasion. Stewart had been one of Witherspoon's early mentors and also worked in a boxing capacity for the Playboy Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City.

In November of '86, while in jail on the tax rap, Stewart was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges that he, and two other men, arranged for the Arena fire to be set so he could collect $1.25 million in insurance. Stewart pleaded guilty and received another 10 years in the slammer. But, as part of his agreement with the government prosecutors, it will be served at the same time as the sentence he is serving now.

According to Stewart, the building was not torched for the insurance money but because it was losing money. The man authorities claim actually struck the match was the late **James (Horrible) Holt**, a member of the **Pagans** motorcycle club, who allegedly received $12,500 for the dirty deed.

So ended the sometimes glamorous, often seedy, career of one of this country's great old fight venues. Just as baseball buffs lament the passing of the magnificent old stadiums and the coming of artificial turf, boxing fans mourn the death of the legendary clubs like the Philadelphia Arena and the advent of casino boxing. However, knowing the nature of the racket, it seems almost

Harold Johnson (right) and Doug Jones pose for a publicity photo prior to their match for the vacant light heavyweight title held on May 12, 1961. The bout was the last world title fight held at the Philadelphia Arena. That legendary fight venue met a sad end in recent years. See "The End Of An Arena" for details.

Round One

fitting that this particular piece of fistic history was trashed by a fly-by-night promoter who couldn't pay his bills.

NEW JERSEY SWITCHES TO POINTS SYSTEM

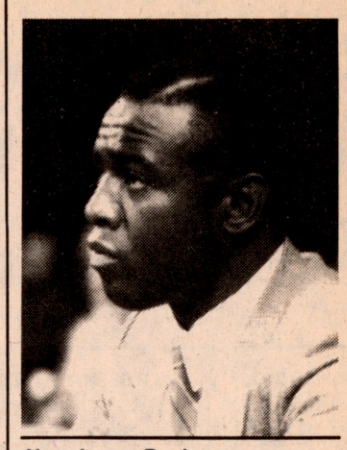
In mid-November, New Jersey Boxing Commissioner **Larry Hazzard** announced that the Garden State had switched from scoring pro fights on a rounds basis to the "10-point must" system. In addition, Hazzard emphasized his wish to see a more flexible application of the points. In other words, more 10-8 and 10-7 rounds. For example, a fighter won't have to knock his opponent down to earn a two point margin, and a boxer scoring a solid knockdown might be rewarded with a 10-7 round. Basically, the theory is: If you have 10 points to play with, why not use them.

"This whole thing might be confusing for a little while, but once it works it will be effective," said Hazzard in an interview published in the *Atlantic City Press*. "It lets the judges do more, which I think they should. They've got a fighter's career on the line, so they should be able to interpret the fight more."

The late Freddie Brown prepares former middleweight contender Joey Archer for a sparring session. Brown, 79, died December 4, 1986 in New York City. One of boxing's great cornermen, Brown worked with champions from Rocky Marciano to Larry Holmes.

ROSIN DUST

Former triple world champ **Alexis Arguello** has signed with the **Sands Hotel Casino** in Atlantic City as a "celebrity spokesman." Arguello will also host special events at the Pratt Hotel Corporation's sister property, the Concorde, in Aruba. The Sands, which threw a retirement bash for Alexis in 1983, is getting a bargain. He's a real smoothy who should be able to charm the high rollers and lounge lizards without even trying . . . **Mike Tyson** is getting almost as much ink in the gossip columns as he is on the sports page . . . **Liz Smith** had an item recently explaining how Mike is all the rage in Tokyo. She quotes an unnamed Japanese promoter as saying, "The Japanese have a **Godzilla** complex, and to us, Tyson is Godzilla." . . . Britain's **Prince Edward, Queen Elizabeth II's** youngest son, "took a right drubbing" during a boxing match at the British commando center where he is based. Edward, 22, failed to make the unit's boxing team, but got high marks for courage. "We don't think his career prospects are in the boxing ring," commented Prince Edward's sergeant, "but he's certainly got the grit of a commanding officer." . . . **Muhammad Ali** was among those receiving Ellis Island Medals of Honor in a two-hour ceremony honoring various ethnic groups. Others honored by the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation were **Joe DiMaggio, Arnold Palmer, Andy Williams,** and **John Denver** . . . Speaking of Ali, Saudi zillionaire **Sheik Mohammad al-Fassi** is backing the new sports car "The Greatest" is marketing . . . **Leon Spinks** was pinned in the eighth round by **Antonio Inoki** (yes, the same guy who fought a similar mixed-match with Ali) in a boxing-wrestling match in Tokyo in October. Must have been wild! . . . A study conducted by the **Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital,** in cooperation with the **New**



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New Jersey Boxing Commissioner Larry Hazzard recently announced the Garden State will switch to the "10-point must" system for all professional bouts.

York State Athletic Commission, revealed that the overall frequency of damage noted in boxers' eyes was 52 percent. During the study, 74 boxers received complete eye examinations. "It is hoped that our study will serve in some way to reduce the physical destructiveness of the sport, with particular reference to the eye," said Dr. Lawrence A. Yannuzzi, Director of Retina Research at the hospital . . .

PUNCH LINES

Marty Cohen, Hector Camacho's 89-year-old baby-sitter, remembering his days with the recently busted **Michael Dokes,** the former WBA heavyweight champion, currently charged with drug trafficking: "The past few years Dokes was moving in a very fast lane. And very, very bad company. The people around him were just no good. Which I told him, I don't know how many times."

WBC heavyweight champion **Mike Tyson,** talking about his all-black ring attire: "In the cowboy movies, the good guys always wore white and the outlaws wore black. I'm not a bad guy, but I like to give that impression." □

Boxing: The Lost Religion

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By Joyce Carol Oates

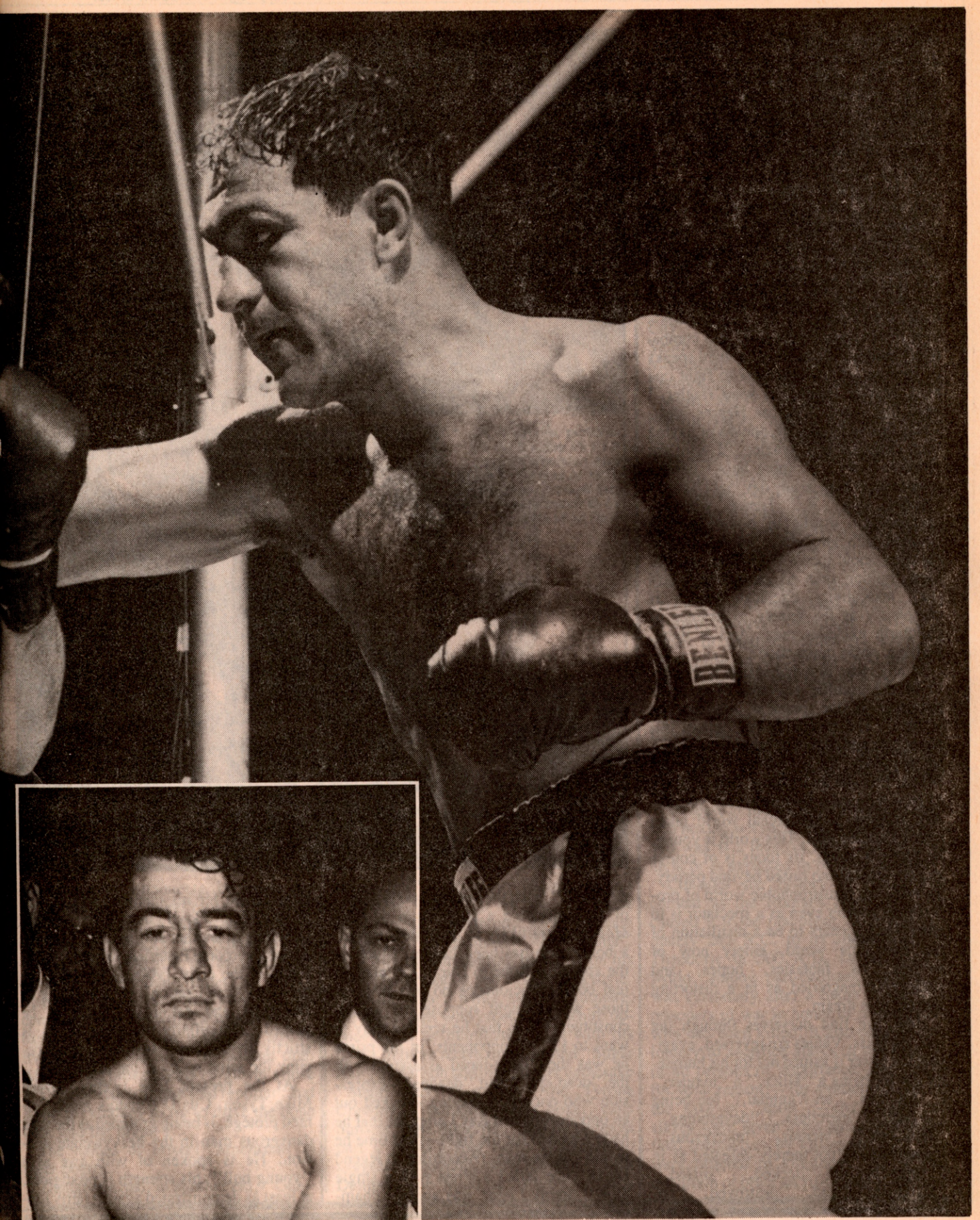
What time is it?—"Macho Time!"
—Hector "Macho Man" Camacho,
WBC lightweight champion

I don't want to knock my opponent out. I want to hit him, step away, and watch him hurt. I want his heart.
—Joe Frazier, former heavyweight champion of the world

A FAIRY TALE PROPOSITION: THE heavyweight champion is the most dangerous man on earth: the most feared, the most manly. His proper mate is very likely the fairy tale princess whom the mirrors declare the fairest woman on earth.

Boxing is a purely masculine activity and it inhabits a purely masculine world. Which is not to suggest that most men are defined by it: clearly, most men are not. And though there are female boxers—a fact that seems to surprise, alarm, amuse—women's role in the sport has always been extremely marginal. (At the time of this writing the most famous American woman boxer is the black champion Lady Tyger Trimiar with her shaved head and theatrical tiger-striped attire.) At boxing matches women's roles are limited to those of card girl and occasional National Anthem singer: stereotyped functions usually performed in stereotypically zestful feminine ways—for women have no natural place in the spectacle otherwise. The card girls in their bathing suits and spike heels, glamor girls of the 1950s,

Rocky Marciano (right), graceless, heavy-footed, indomitable, the man with the massive righthand punch who was willing to absorb five blows in the hope of landing one.



Rocky Graziano entitled his autobiography **Somebody Up There Likes Me***: a most optimistic assumption.*

Muhammad Ali: the most brilliant heavyweight of modern times.

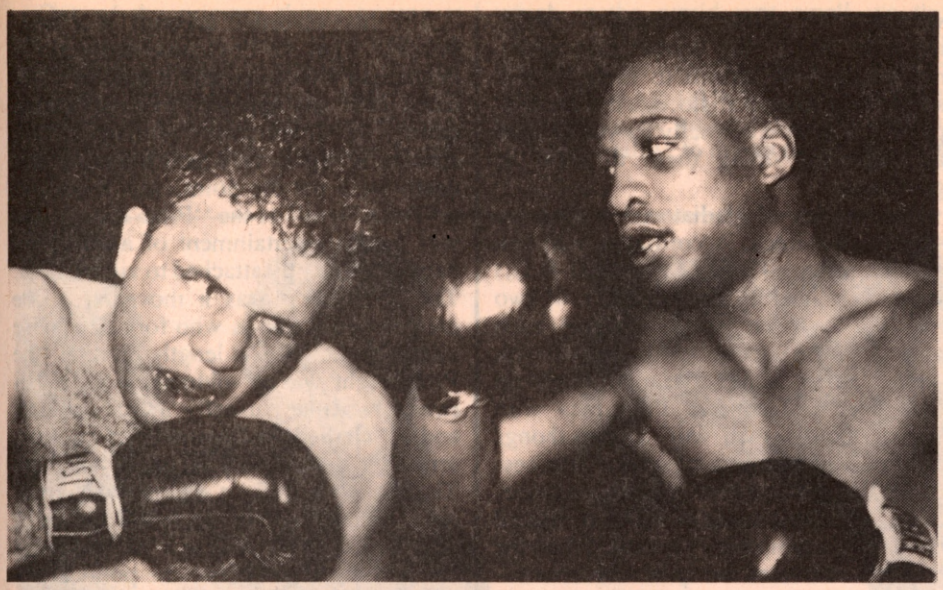
complement the boxers in their trunks and gym shoes but are not to be taken seriously: their public exhibition of themselves involves no risk, and is purely decorative. Boxing is for men, and is about men, and *is* men. A celebration of the lost religion of masculinity all the more trenchant for its being lost.

In this world strength of a certain kind—matched of course with intelligence and tirelessly developed skills—determines masculinity. Just as a boxer is his body, a man's masculinity is his use of his body. But it is also his triumph over another's use of his body. The Opponent is always male, the Opponent is the rival for one's own masculinity, most fully and combatively realized. Sugar Ray Leonard speaks of coming out of retirement to fight one man, Marvin Hagler: "I want Hagler. I need that man." Thomas Hearns, decisively beaten by Hagler, speaks of having been obsessed with Hagler: "I want the rematch badly . . . there hasn't been a minute or an hour in any day that I haven't thought about it." Hence women's characteristic dislike of boxing per se coupled with an intense interest in and curiosity about men's fascination with it. Men fighting men to determine worth (i.e., masculinity) excludes women as completely as the female experience of childbirth excludes men. And is there, perhaps, some connection?

In any case, raw aggression is thought to be the peculiar province of men, as nurturing is the peculiar province of women. (The female boxer violates this stereotype and cannot be taken seriously—she is parody, she is cartoon, she is monstrous. Has she an ideology, she is likely to be a feminist.) Boxing's very vocabulary suggests a patriarchal world taken over by adolescents. This world is young. Its focus is youth. Its focus is of course *macho—machismo* raised beyond parody. To enter the claustrophobic world of professional boxing even as a spectator is to enter what appears to be a distillation of the masculine world, empty now of women, its fantasies, hopes, and strategems magnified as in a distorting mirror, or a dream.

Here, we find ourselves through the looking glass. Values are reversed, evaginated: a boxer is valued not for his humanity but for being a "killer," a "mauler," a "hit man," an "animal," for being "savage," "merciless," "devastating," "ferocious," "vicious," "murderous." Opponents are not merely defeated as in a game but are "decked," "stiffed," "starched," "iced," "destroyed," "annihilated." Even the veteran sportswriters of so respectable a publication as *Ring Magazine* are likely to be pitiless toward a boxer who has been beaten. Much of the appeal of Roberto Durán for intellectual boxing aficionados no less than for those whom might suppose his natural constituency was that he seemed truly to want to kill his opponents: in his prime he was the "baby-faced assassin" with the "dead eyes" and "deadpan" expression who once said, having knocked out an opponent named Ray Lampkin, that he hadn't trained for the fight—next time he would kill the man. (According to legend Durán once felled a horse with a single blow.) Sonny Liston was another champion lauded for his menace, so different in spirit from Floyd Patterson as to seem to belong to another sub-species; to watch Liston overcome Patterson in tapes of their fights in the early 1960s is to watch the defeat of "civilization" by something so elemental and primitive it cannot be named. Masculinity in these terms is strictly hierarchical—two men cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

At the present time twenty-year-old Mike Tyson, Cus D'Amato's much-vaunted protégé, is being groomed as the most dangerous man in the heavyweight division. He is spoken of with awe as a "young bull"; his strength is prodigious, at least as demonstrated against fairly hap-



Jake LaMotta, pictured left on his way to a 10-round decision over Norman Hayes in 1952, threw himself into boxing as much to be hurt as to hurt.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler (left) clocks Roberto Duran with a left hook en route to a 15-round decision to retain the undisputed middleweight title. Past his prime and fighting a naturally larger man, Duran turned "cutie" in order to last the distance.

less, stationary opponents; he enters the arena robeless—"I feel more like a warrior"—and gleaming with sweat. He does not even wear socks. His boxing model is not Muhammad Ali, the most brilliant heavyweight of modern times, but Rocky Marciano, graceless, heavy-footed, indomitable, the man with the massive right-hand punch who was willing to absorb five blows in the hope of landing one. After having broken Jesse Ferguson's nose in a recent match Tyson told reporters that it was his strategy to try to drive the bone back into the brain. . . .

The names of boxers! *Machismo* as sheer poetry.

Though we had, in another era, "Gentleman Jim" Corbett (world heavyweight champion, 1892-97); and the first black heavyweight champion, Jack Johnson (1908-15), called himself "Li'l Arthur" as a way of commenting playfully on his powerful physique and savage ring style. (Johnson was a white man's nightmare: the black man who mocked his white opponents as he humiliated them with his fists.) In more recent times we had "Sugar Ray" Robinson and his younger namesake "Sugar Ray" Leonard. And Tyrone Crawley, a thinking man's boxer, calls himself "The Butterfly." But for the most part a boxer's ring name is chosen to suggest something more ferocious: Jack Dempsey of Manassa, Colorado, was "The Manassa Mauler"; the formidable Harry Greb was "The Human Windmill"; Joe Louis was, of course, "The Brown Bomber"; Rocky Marciano, "The Brockton Blockbuster"; Jake La Motta, "The Bronx Bull"; Tommy Jackson, "Hurricane" Jackson; Roberto Durán, "Hands of Stone" and "The Little Killer" variously. More recent are Ray "Boom-Boom" Mancini, Thomas "Hit-Man" Hearns, James "Hard Rock" Green, Al "Earthquake" Carter, Frank "The Animal" Fletcher, Donald "The Cobra" Curry, Aaron "The Hawk" Pryor, "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon, "Bonecrusher" Smith, Johnny "Bump City" Bumphus, Lonnie "Lightning" Smith, Barry "The Clones Cyclone" McGuigan, Gene "Mad Dog" Hatcher, Livingstone "Pit Bull" Bramble, Hector "Macho Man" Camacho. "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler changed his name legally to Marvelous Marvin Hagler before his fight with Thomas Hearns brought him to national prominence.

It was once said by José Torres that the *machismo* of boxing is a condition of poverty. But it is not, surely, a condition uniquely of poverty? Or even of adolescence? I think of it as the obverse of the feminine, the denial of the feminine-in-man that has its ambiguous attractions for all men, however "civilized." It is a remnant of another, earlier era when the physical being was primary and the warrior's masculinity its highest expression.

Boxing is the sport to which all other sports aspire.
—George Foreman, former heavyweight champion of the world

At least in theory and by way of tradition boxing is a sport. But what *is* sport?—and why is a man, *in* sport, not the man he is or is expected to be at other times?

Consider the history of gladiatorial combat as the Romans practiced it, or caused it to be practiced, from approximately 265 B.C. to its abolishment by Theodoric in 500 A.D. In the ancient world, among part-civilized nations, it was customary after a battle to sacrifice prisoners of war in honor of commanders who had been killed. It also became customary to sacrifice slaves at the funerals of all persons of importance. But then—for what reason?—for amusement, or for the sake of "sport"?—the condemned slaves were given arms and urged to defend themselves by killing the men who were ordered to kill them. Out of this evolution of brute sacrifice into something

approaching a recognizable sporting contest the notorious phenomenon of Roman gladiatorial combat—death as mass amusement—gradually arose. Surely there is nothing quite like it in world history.

At first the contests were performed at the funeral pyre or near the sepulchre, but, with the passage of time, as interest in the fighting detached itself from its ostensibly religious context, matches were moved to the Forum, then to the Circus and amphitheaters. Contractors emerged to train the slaves, men of rank and political importance began to keep "families" of gladiators, upcoming fights were promoted and advertised as sporting contests are today, shows lasting as long as three days increased in number and popularity. Not the mere sacrifice of helpless individuals but the "sport" of the contest excited spectators, for, though the instinct to fight and kill is surely qualified by one's personal courage, the instinct to watch others fight and kill is evidently inborn. When the boxing fan shouts, "Kill him! Kill him!" he is betraying no peculiar individual pathology or quirk but asserting his common humanity and his kinship, however distant, with the thousands upon thousands of spectators who crowded into the Roman amphitheaters to see gladiators fight to the death. That such contests for mass amusement endured not for a few years or even decades but for centuries should arrest our attention.

According to Petronius the gladiators took the following oath: "We swear, after the dictation of Eumolpus, to suffer death by fire, bonds, stripes, and the sword; and whatever else Eumolpus may command, as true gladiators we bind ourselves body and mind to our master's service." Their courage became legendary. Cicero referred to it as a model for all Roman citizens—that one should be willing to suffer nobly in the defense of the Commonwealth. In general gladiators were slaves and condemned criminals who could hope to prolong their lives or even, if they were champions, to gain freedom; but impoverished freemen often fought as well. With the passage of time, paralleling and surely contributing to what we see as the decadence of Rome, even men of rank volunteered to compete publicly. (Under Nero, that most notorious of Roman emperors, such wild exhibitions flourished. It is estimated that during his reign from 54 A.D. to 68 A.D. as many as one thousand aristocrats performed as gladiators in one way or another, in fights fair, handicapped, or fixed. At time even women of rank competed—which matches were no doubt particularly noteworthy.) So drawn to these violent sports were Roman aristocrats that the Emperor Augustus was finally moved to issue an edict forbidding them to train as gladiators.

The origins of gladiatorial boxing are specifically Greek. According to tradition a ruler named Thesus (circa 900 B.C.) was entertained by the spectacle of two matched fighters, seated, facing each other, hammering each other to death with their fists. Eventually the men fought on their feet and covered their fists with leather thongs; then with leather thongs covered with sharp metal spikes—the cestus. A ring of some kind, probably a circle, became a neutral space to which an injured boxer might temporarily retreat. When the Romans cultivated the sport it became extremely popular: one legendary cestus-champion was said to have killed 1,425 opponents. Winning gladiators were widely celebrated as "kings of athletes" and heroes for all. By confirming in the public arena the bloody mortality of other men they established for themselves, as champions always do, a kind of immortality.

So it happens that the wealthier and more advanced a society, the more fanatic its interest in certain kinds of sport. Civilization's trajectory is to curve back upon itself—naturally? helplessly?—like the mythical snake biting its own tail and to take up with passion the outward signs and gestures of "savagery." While it is plausible that emotionally effete men and women may require ever more extreme experiences to arouse them, it is perhaps the case too that the desire is not merely to *mimic* but, magically, to *be* brute, primitive, instinctive, and therefore innocent. One might then be a person for whom the contest is not mere self-destructive play but life itself; and the world, not in spectacular and irrevocable decline, but new, fresh, vital, terrifying and exhilarating by turns, a place of wonders. It is the lost ancestral self that is sought, however futilely. Like those dream-remnants of childhood that year by year continue to elude us but are never abandoned, still less despised, for that reason.

Roman gladatorial combat was abolished under the Christian emperors Constantine and Theodoric, and its practice discontinued forever. Boxing as we know it in the United States derives solely from English bare-knuckle prizefighting of the eighteenth century and from an entirely different conception of sport.

The first recorded account of a bare-knuckle fight in England—between "a gentleman's footman and a butcher"—is dated 1681 and appeared in a publication called the *Protestant Mercury*. This species of fight, in which maiming and death were not the point, was known as a "Prize Fight" or the "Prize Ring," and was public entertainment of an itinerant nature, frequently attached to village fairs. The Prize Ring was a moveable space created by spectators who formed a loose circle by holding a length of rope; the Prize Fight was a voluntary contest between two men, usually a "champion" and a "challenger," unrefereed but governed by rudimentary rules of fair play. The challenge to fight was put to a crowd by a fighter and his accomplices and if any man wanted to accept he tossed his hat into the ring—hence the political expression with its overtone of bellicosity—and the fight was on. Bets were commonly placed on which man would knock the other down first or draw "first blood." Foul play was actively discouraged by the crowd; the fighters shook hands after the fight. "The Noble Art," as prizefighting was called, began as a lowlife species of entertainment but was in time enthusiastically supported by sporting members of the aristocracy and the upper classes.

England's earliest bare-knuckle champion was a man named James Figg who won the honor in 1719. The last of the bare-knuckle champions was the American heavyweight John L. Sullivan whose career—from approximately 1882-1892—overlapped both bare-knuckle fighting and gloved boxing as established under the rules of the Marquis of Queensbury which are observed, with some elaboration, to the present time. The most significant changes were two: the introduction of leather gloves (mainly to protect the hand, not the face—a man's knuckles are easily broken) and the third man in the ring, the referee, whose privilege it is to stop the fight at his own discretion, if he thinks a boxer has no chance of winning or cannot defend himself against his opponent. With the introduction of the referee the crudeness of "The Noble Art" passes over into the relative sophistication of boxing.

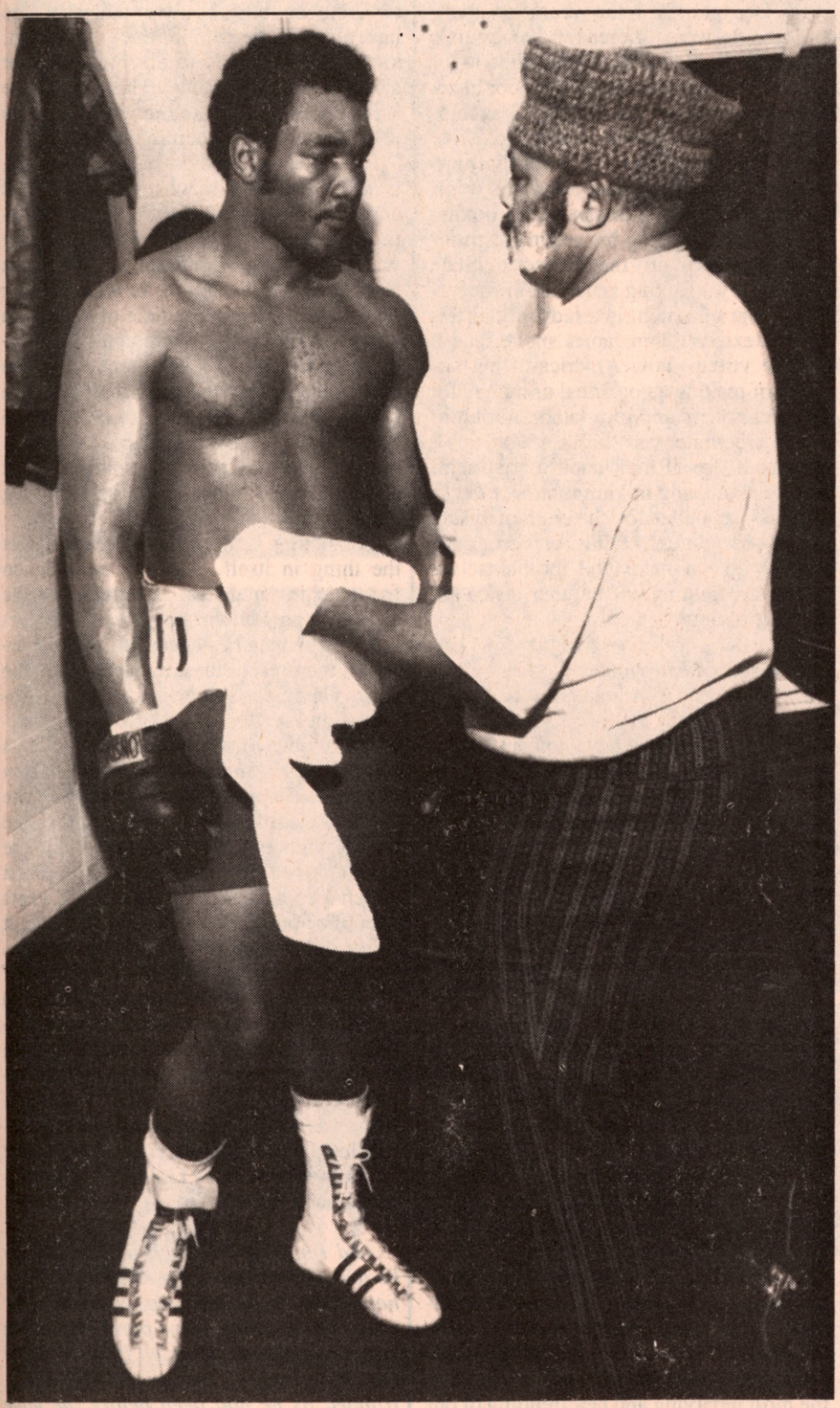
We fighters understand lies. What's a feint? What's a left hook off the jab? What's an opening? What's thinking one thing and doing another . . .?
—José Torres, former light-heavyweight champion

One of the primary things boxing is about is lying. It's about systematically cultivating a double personality: the self in society, the self in the ring. As the chess grandmaster channels his powerful aggressive impulses onto the game board, which is the world writ small, so the "born" boxer channels his strength into the ring, against the Opponent. And in the ring, if he is a good boxer, and not a mere journeyman, he will cultivate yet another split personality, to thwart the Opponent's game plan vis-à-vis *him*. Boxers, like chess players, must think on their feet—must be able to improvise in mid-flight, so to speak.

It might be theorized that fighting activates in certain people not only an adrenalin rush of exquisite pleasure but an atavistic self that, coupled with an instinctive sort of tissue-intelligence, a neurological swiftness unknown to "average" men and women, makes for the born fighter, the potentially great champion, the *unmistakably* gifted boxer. An outlaw or non-law self, given the showy accolade "killer instinct." (Though to speak of instinct is always to speak vaguely: for how can "instinct" be isolated from the confluence of factors—health, economic class, familial relations, sheer good or bad luck—that determine a life?) You know the boxer with the killer instinct when the crowd jumps to its feet in a ground-swell of delirium in response to his assault against his opponent, no matter if the opponent is the favorite, a "nice guy" no one really wants to see seriously injured.

There is an instinct in our species to fight, but is there an instinct to *kill*? And would a "born" killer have the discipline, let alone the moral integrity, to subordinate himself to boxing's rigors in order to exercise it? Surely there are easier ways: we read about them in the daily newspaper. That the fighter, like the crowd he embodies, responds excitedly to the sight of blood—"first blood" being a term from the days of the English Prize Ring—goes without saying; but there are often fight fans shouting for a match to be stopped at the very zenith of the action. My sense of the boxing crowd in a large arena like Madison Square Garden is that it resembles a massive wave containing counter-waves, counter-currents, isolated but bold voices that resist the greater motion toward ecstatic violence. These dissenters are severely critical of referees who allow fights to go on too long.

Granted these points, it is nonetheless true that the boxer who functions as a conduit through which the inchoate aggressions of the crowd are consummated will



George Forman, seen here with Hall-of-Famer Archie Moore, said boxing is the sport to which all other sports aspire.

be a very popular boxer indeed. Not the conscientious "boxing" matches but the cheek-by-jowl brawls are likely to be warmly recalled in boxing legend: Dempsey-Firpo, Louis-Schmeling II, Zale-Graziano, Robinson-LaMotta, Pep-Saddler, Marciano-Charles, Ali-Frazier, most recently Hagler-Hearns. Sonny Liston occupies a position *sui generis* for the very truculence of his boxing persona—the air of unsmiling menace he presented to the black no less than the white world. (Liston was arrested nineteen times and served two prison terms, the second term for armed robbery.) It may be that former champion Larry Holmes saw himself in this role, the black man's black man empowered by sheer bitterness to give hurt where hurt is due. And, for a while, the Rastafarian Livingstone Bramble, whose vendetta with Ray Mancini seems to have sprung from an unmotivated ill-will.

In Jake La Motta's autobiography *Raging Bull*, La Motta attributes his success as a boxer—he was middleweight champion briefly, 1949-51, but a popular fighter for many years—to the fact that he didn't care whether he was killed in the ring. For eleven years he mistakenly believed he had murdered a man in a robbery, and, unconfessed yet guilty, wanting to be punished, La Motta threw himself into boxing as much to be hurt as to hurt. His background parallels Rocky Graziano's—they were friends, as boys, in reform school—but his desperation was rather more intense than Graziano's. (Whose autobiography is entitled *Somebody Up There Likes Me*: a most optimistic assumption.) La Motta said in an interview, "I would fight anybody. I didn't care who they were. I even wanted to fight Joe Louis. I just didn't care. . . . But that made me win. It gave me an aggression my opponents never saw before. They would hit me. I didn't care if I got hit." When La Motta eventually learned that his victim had not died, however, his zest for boxing waned, and his career began its abrupt decline. By way of La Motta's confession and the film based fragmentarily on it, *Raging Bull*, La Motta has entered boxing folklore: he is the flashy gutter fighter whose integrity will allow him to throw only one fight (in an era in which fights were routinely thrown), done with such ironic disdain that the boxing commission suspends his license.

Traditionally, boxing is credited with changing the lives of ghetto-born or otherwise impoverished youths. It is impossible to gauge how many boxers have in fact risen from such beginnings but one might guess it to be about 99%—even at the present time. (Muhammad Ali is said to have been an exception in that his background was not one of desperate poverty; which helps to account, perhaps, for Ali's early boundless confidence.) Where tennis lessons were offered in some youth centers in the Detroit area, many years ago, boxing lessons were offered in Joe Louis's and Ray Robinson's neighborhood—of course. To what purpose would poor black boys learn tennis? La Motta, Graziano, Patterson, Liston, Hector Camacho, Mike Tyson—all learned to box in captivity, so to speak. (Liston, a more advanced criminal than the others, began taking boxing lessons while serving his second term for armed robbery in the Missouri State Penitentiary.) Boxing is the moral equivalent of war of which, in a radically different context, William James spoke, and it has the virtue—how American, this virtue!—of making a good deal of money for its practitioners and promoters, not all of whom are white.

Indeed, one of the standard arguments for *not* abolishing boxing is in fact that it provides an outlet for the rage of disenfranchised youths, mainly black or Hispanic, who can make lives for themselves by way of fighting one another instead of fighting society.

I ain't never liked violence.
—Sugar Ray Robinson

To the untrained eye most boxing matches appear not merely savage but mad. As the eye becomes trained, however, the spectator begins to see the complex patterns that underlie the "madness"; what seems to be merely confusing action is understood to be coherent and intelligent, frequently inspired. Even the spectator who dislikes violence in principle can come to admire highly skilled boxing—to admire it beyond all "sane" proportions. A brilliant boxing match, quicksilver in its motions, transpiring far more rapidly than the mind can absorb, can have the power that Emily Dickinson attributed to great poetry: you know it's great when it takes the top of your head off. (The physical imagery Dickinson employs is peculiarly apt in this context.)

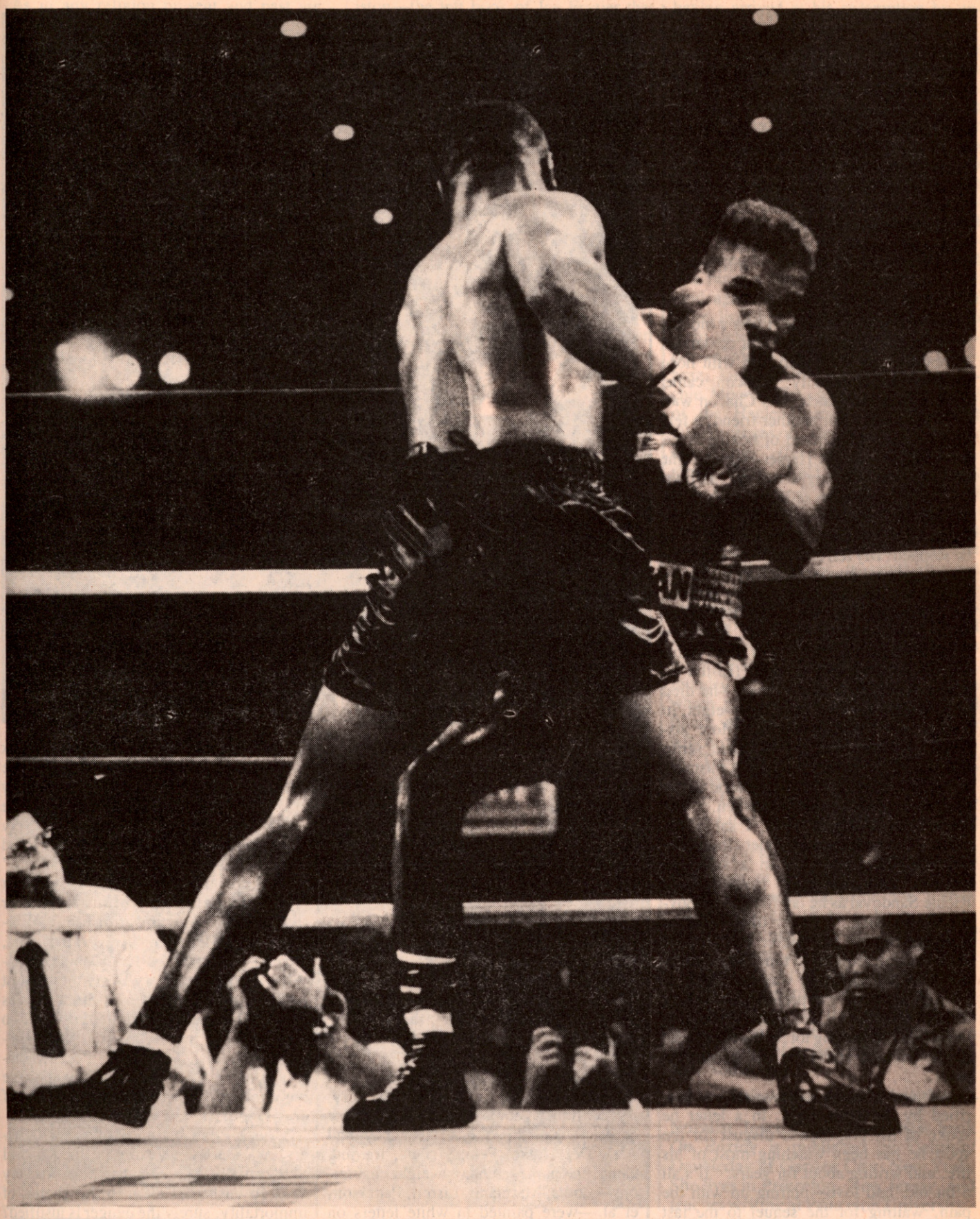
This early impression—that boxing is "mad," or mimics the actions of madness—seems to me no less valid, however, for being, by degrees, substantially modified. It is never erased, never entirely forgotten or overcome; it simply sinks beneath the threshhold of consciousness, as the most terrifying and heartrending of our lives' experiences sink beneath the level of consciousness by way of familiarity or deliberate suppression. So one knows, but does not (consciously) know, certain intransigent facts about the human condition. One does not (consciously) know, but one *knows*. All boxing fans, however accustomed to the sport, however many decades have been invested in their obsession, know that boxing is sheerly madness, for all its occasional beauty. That knowledge is our common bond and sometimes—dare it be uttered?—our common shame.

To watch boxing closely, and seriously, is to risk moments of what might be called animal panic—a sense not only that something very ugly is happening but that, by watching it, one is an accomplice. This awareness, or revelation, or weakness, or hairline split in one's cuticle of a self, can come at any instant, unanticipated and unbidden; though of course it tends to sweep over the viewer when he is watching a really violent match. I feel it as vertigo—breathlessness—a repugnance beyond language: a sheerly physical loathing. That it is also, or even primarily, self-loathing goes without saying.

For boxing really isn't metaphor, it is the thing in itself. And my predilection for watching matches on tape, when the outcomes are known, doesn't alter the fact that, as the matches occurred, they occurred in the present tense, and for one time only. The rest is subterfuge—the intellectual's uneasy "control" of his material.

Impossible to see the old, early fights of Dempsey's and not to feel this *frisson* of dread, despite the poor quality of the films, the somewhat antic rhythms of the human figures. Or, I would guess, the trilogy of Zale-Graziano fights about which people speak in awe forty years later. For one man of my acquaintance it was a fight of Joe Louis's, against a long-forgotten opponent. For another, one of the "great" dirty matches of Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler—"little white perfection/and death in red plaid trunks" as the poet Philip Levine has written of that infamous duo. There was Duk Koo-Kim, there was Johnny Owen, in an earlier decade luckless Benny Paret, trapped in the ropes as referee Ruby Goldstein stood frozen, unable to interfere—

And Paret? Paret died on his feet. As he took those eighteen punches something happend to everyone who was in psychic range of the event. Some part of his death reached out to us. One felt it hover in the air. He was still standing in the ropes, trapped as he had been before, he gave



Mike Tyson, sans socks, moves in for the "kill" against Alfonzo Ratliff. To the untrained eye most boxing matches appear not merely savage but mad.

A pensive Benny (Kid) Paret wraps his hands prior to a sparring session. Paret paid boxing's ultimate price when he died as the result of the beating he absorbed in his fatal 1962 match with Emile Griffith.

some little half-smile of regret, as if he were saying, "I didn't know I was going to die just yet," and then, his head leaning back but still erect, his death came to breathe about him. He began to pass away. He went down more slowly than any fighter had ever gone down, he went down like a large ship which turns on end and slides second by second into its grave. As he went down, the sound of Griffith's punches echoed in the mind like a heavy ax in the distance chopping into a wet log.
(Norman Mailer, "Ten Thousand Words a Minute")

For one friend of mine it was a bloody fight fought by the lightweight contender Bobby Chacon that filled him with horror—though, ironically, Chacon came back to win the match. (As Chacon was once apt to do.) For another friend, a fellow novelist, enamoured of boxing since boyhood, it was the Hagler-Hearns fight of 1985—he was frightened by his own ecstatic participation in it. At such times one thinks: What is happening? Why are we here? What does this mean? Can't this be stopped? My terror at seeing Floyd Patterson battered into insensibility by Sonny Liston was not assuaged by my rational understanding that the event had taken place long ago and that, in fact, Patterson is in fine health at the present time, training an adopted son to box. (Liston of course has been dead for years—he died of a heroin overdose, aged thirty-eight, in "suspicious" circumstances.) More justified, perhaps, was my sickened sense that boxing is, simply, wrong, a mistake, an outlaw activity for some reason under the protectorate of the law, when, a few weeks ago in March 1986, I sat in the midst of a suddenly very quiet closed-circuit television audience in a suburban Trenton hall watching bantamweight Richie Sandoval as he lay flat and unmoving on his back . . . very likely dead of a savage beating the referee had not, for some reason, stopped in time. My conviction was that anything was preferable to boxing, anything was preferable to seeing another minute of it, for instance standing outside in the parking lot for the remainder of the evening staring at the stained asphalt. . . .

A friend who is a sportswriter was horrified by the same fight. In a letter he spoke of his intermittent disgust for the sport he has been watching most of his life, and writing about for years: "It's all a bit like bad love—putting up with the pain, waiting for the sequel to the last good moment. And like bad love, there comes the point of being worn out, when the reward of the good moment doesn't seem worth all the trouble. . . ."

Yet we don't give up on boxing, it isn't that easy. Perhaps it's like tasting blood. Or, more discreetly put, love commingled with hate is more powerful than love. Or hate.

Dustin Hoffman recalls a boxing match he had seen as a boy: as the triumphant boxer left to pass up the aisle, an ecstatic fight fan, male, followed closely after him, wiping all he could of the sweat from the boxer's body onto himself.

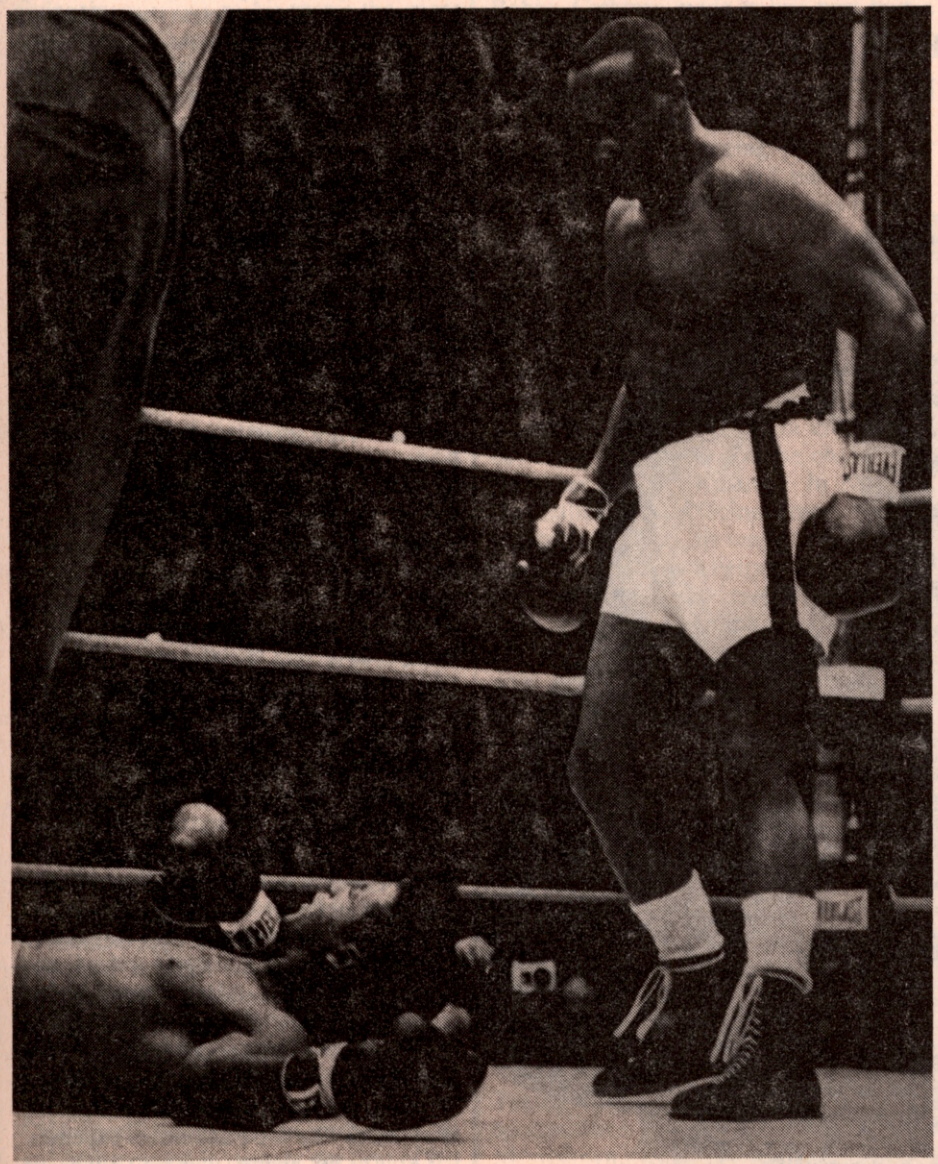
An observer is struck by boxing's intense preoccupation with its own history; its continued homage to a gallery of heroes—or are they saints? At Muhammad Ali's Deer Lake, Pennsylvania, training camp, the names of heavyweight champions—Louis, Marciano, Liston, Patterson, et al.—were painted in white letters on massive iconographic boulders. "Jack Dempsey" named himself for the middleweight champion Jack Dempsey (1884-91—known as Dempsey "The Nonpareil" because he outboxed every man he fought). "Sugar Ray" Leonard named himself boldly after "Sugar Ray" Robinson—an act of audacity that did not prove embarrassing. If Marvin Hagler shaves his head the image of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter comes to mind, and, beyond him, that of Jack Johnson himself—the first and very likely the greatest of defiantly *black* boxers, whom Cassius Clay/Muhammad Ali admired as well. So frequently are a few names evoked—Dempsey, Louis, Marciano, Pep, Robinson—one might think these boxers were our contemporaries and not champions of eras long past.

If boxing exhausts most of its practitioners in a Darwinian struggle for survival like virtually no other, it so honors a very few, so enshrines them in the glamor of immortality, surely the danger is justified?

As in any religion present and past are magically one; Time, even Death, are defeated. The dead immortals are always with us, not only their names and the hazy outlines of careers recalled but individual bouts, moments when decisive punches were thrown and caught, the size of a boxer's fist, the measurement of his reach, his age when he began and when he retired, his record of wins, losses, draws. The uppercut Jack Johnson used against Stanley Ketchel in 1909—the famous Fitzsimmons "shift" of 1897 (when Fitzsimmons defeated Gentleman Jim Corbett for the heavyweight title)—the wicked left hook with which Jack Dempsey caught a distracted Jack Sharkey in 1909—Rocky Marciano's several right-hand knockout punches—Cassius Clay's mystery punch in the first minute of the first round of his second match with Sonny Liston—the left hook of Joe Frazier that knocked Muhammad Ali on his back in the fifteenth round of their first fight: all are commemorated. The typical boxing writer's imagination is not so much stimulated by his subject as enflamed. Dream-matches are routinely fantasized in which boxers of different eras meet one another—Marciano-Dempsey, Louis-Ali, Hagler-Robinson, the 1961 Sonny Liston and the 1973 George Foreman. Boxers of different weights are thrown together—how would Willie Pep or Benny Leonard or Roberto Durán have done against Joe Louis, *equipped with the necessary poundage*? Though preoccupation with past records is common to most sports there is something unusually intense about it in boxing, perhaps because, in boxing, the individual is so very alone, or seems so. Like the saint he gives the impression of having arrived at his redemption by unflagging solitary effort.

The boxing past exists in an uncannily real and vital relationship with the present. The dead are not dead, or not merely dead. When, for instance, Larry Holmes made his ill-advised attempt to equal Rocky Marciano's record (forty-nine wins, no losses), it seemed suddenly that Marciano was living again, his name and photograph in all the papers, interviews with his family published. Michael Spinks resurrected not only Billy Conn, the light-heavyweight champion who was defeated in a famous match by Joe Louis in 1941 (and again in 1946) but any number of other light-heavyweight champions who were defeated by heavyweight champions—Georges Carpentier, Tommy Loughran, Joey Maxim, the indefatigable Archie Moore. The spectacular first round of the Hagler-Hearns match provoked reminiscences of "the greatest first rounds of all time." (Number one remains Dempsey-Firpo, 1923.) *Ring Magazine*'s Hall of Fame—to which controversial Jake La Motta was only recently elected—corresponds to the pantheon of saints elected by the Vatican except it is in fact more finely calibrated, its saints arranged under various groupings and sub-groupings and its balloting highly complex. (Indeed, no scholarly journal in the United States is more scrupulously attentive to its history than this famous boxing magazine, founded by Nat Fleischer in 1922, in which past, present and a hypothesized future are tirelessly examined, and in which one finds articles on such subjects as "The Greatest Disappointments in Ring History," "The Greatest Mismatches," "The Greatest Left Hooks," "When a Good Little Man *Did* Defeat a Good Big Man.")

It is as if by way of the most strenuous exigencies of the physical self a boxer can—sometimes—transcend the merely physical; he can, if he is lucky, be absolved of his mortality. The instinct is, of course, closely allied with the desire for fame and riches (those legendary champions with their purple Cadillacs!) but is not finally identical with it. If the boxing ring is an altar it is not an altar of sacrifice solely but one of consecration and redemption. Sometimes. □



To watch Sonny Liston overcome Floyd Patterson in the early '60s is to watch the defeat of "civilization" by something so elemental and primitive it cannot be named.

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THE UNKNOWN CHAMPIONS

The second in a series featuring some of boxing's lesser-known "champions." This month we profile:

RICKEY PARKEY
IBF Cruiserweight Champion

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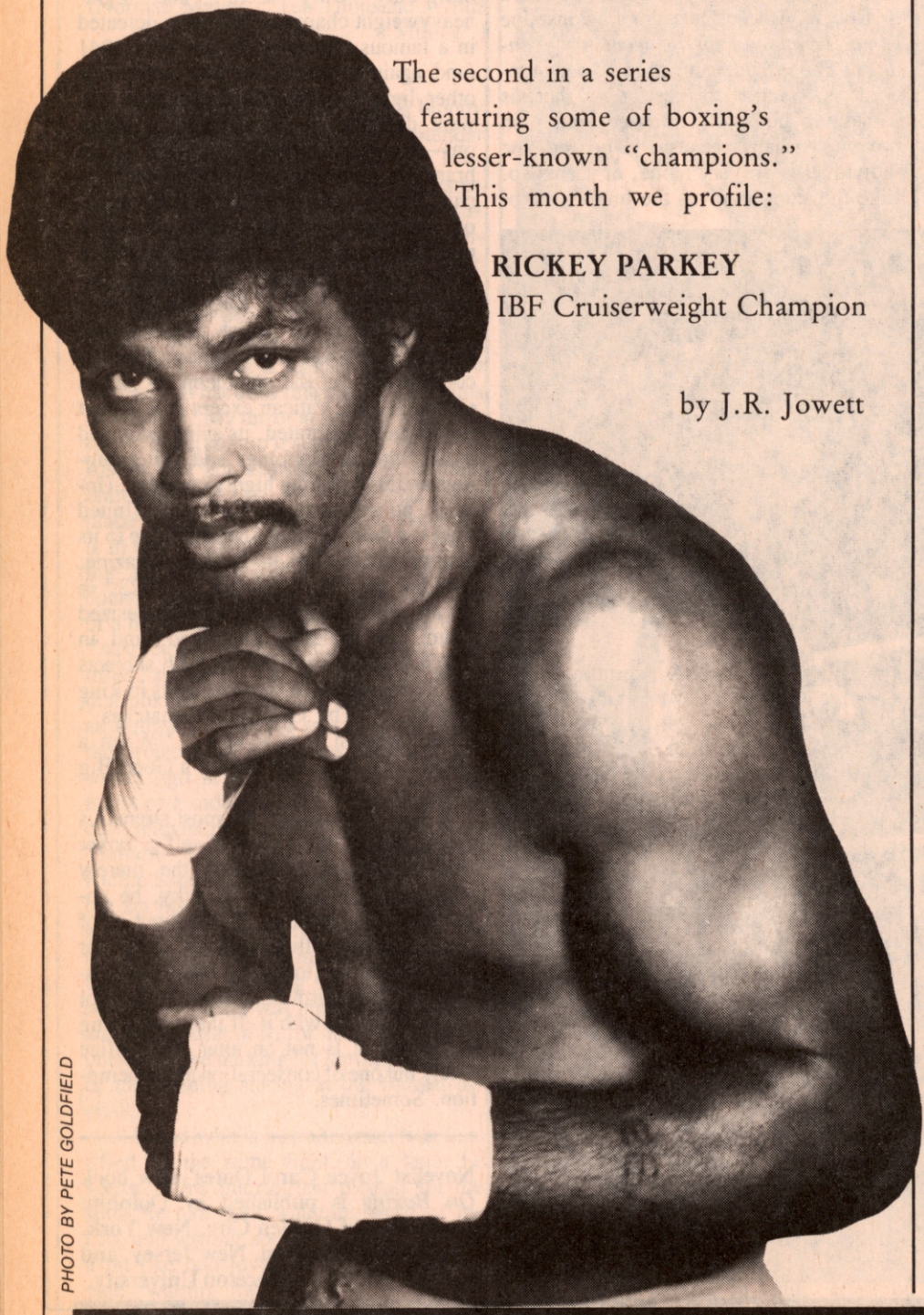

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IF EVER THERE WAS A FIGHTER WHO seemed destined to become a *forgotten champion,* it's got to be Rickey Parkey. Hailing from a small Southern town with minimal boxing, turning pro without management after only a brief amateur career, fighting as a fequent underdog, and then signing with a promoter known for the "name" fighters who got away, he hardly seemed likely to win a crown at all. When he did, it was by beating the little-known champion of an unpopular division, in a foreign land. Hardly the stuff of headlines. But Rickey Parkey has never been one to lay back and let Fate call the shots. He beat the odds, and he has a plan to conquer Destiny, too.

Growing up in Morristown, Tennessee, Rickey describes himself as a passive child. It was his sisters who first taught him to fight. They wanted their only brother to be able to protect them. He soon learned that once he knew how to fight, he didn't have to. About bullies, he says, "When I stopped running, they didn't want to fight. They wanted me on their side."

Boxing followed much later when Parkey accompanied Frankie Randall to the local recreation center gym. The only fighter there who "knew boxing" was Irvin Davis, an amateur who later died in a non-boxing accident, never turning pro. Watching him, Rickey thought, "there must be more to boxing." But the local trainer was barely able to impart the rudiments. "He kept telling me to 'jab, jab'," Rickey remembers. "I said, 'I *am* jabbing, but it's not getting me anywhere!'"

His 10-1 amateur record included a couple of regional titles, but boxing took second place to a high school football career. When a promoter approached his trainer looking to make some pro matches, Rickey went into it only for some ready cash. Knocking about the Kentucky area on a bout-by-bout basis, with no contract, while working two steady jobs, was hardly conducive to a long career. He ended up losing to "Bonecrusher" Smith in his third pro fight.

It was while appearing on the undercard of the Eusebio Pedroza - Bernard Taylor title fight in Charlotte, NC, that Parkey's eyes were opened to the opportunities in boxing. "Until then, fighters were like race horses," he explains. "The managers partied, and we did all the work." Then, he "overheard some people talking", and became quizzical. Going to the promoter, he found out he should have been getting allowances like food and travel expenses. "If you're not aware, you ain't gonna get

none of that," he warns. "Fighters didn't know their own affairs," he realized. "You gotta keep your own records, or a person will tell you anything."

That's when Rickey began to shape his destiny outside the ring as well as in. A few months later, he packed up and went to Atlantic City. "Las Vegas was too far," he explains. Parkey wandered into town like a lone gun looking for a shootout. But his sights were modest. He hung out in the PAL gym, a bit of a no-name stranger. He recalls, "When people asked, I said, 'I'm by myself.' I didn't commit myself, just tried to play it by ear, and see what happens." He was more concerned with learning than impressing, but managed a measure of both. "Slim" Jim Robinson, trainer of Tim and Anthony Witherspoon, took Rickey to spar with his stable. As Slim was giving instructions to his stars, the sparring partner "listened to what he said, and did it first." Trips to Joe Frazier's gym in Philadelphia provided the muscle to go with the technique. "You *had* to learn then," he informs. "Those guys are rough up there."

The only tool he brought with him was a big right hand. "At home, they called me 'The Hammer'," he says, "but I didn't tell *them* that." Parkey realized you can't send a message without an envelope. "You can't hit nobody with a good right hand," he avers. He needed a way to make opponents more receptive, so he "started bouncing around," trying to develop a style.

So much for learning *how* to fight. To *get* fights, Robinson took Parkey to Art Pelullo (Royale Promotions), but the fledgling group didn't put on enough cards to lift the young fighter out of obscurity. For that, they found a ready-made opportunity in Don Elbaum's now legendary Tropicana shows in Atlantic City. "The Bum" ran a unique operation, a weekly series of noisy, blue-collar club shows on the usually staid, tuxedoed casino circuit, where "Avis's" who'd been passed over by the free, "comped-out" studio promotions often had to face the wrath of paying customers. It was an opportunity for "unconnected" fighters to establish a beachhead. But it was no cake walk. From the time he hit Atlantic City, Parkey hasn't had an "easy" fight.

His early efforts left fans strangely unmoved. Debuting against Stanley Ross, he found his opponent a wrestling-style villain who tried to outjive him. When the "Hammer" finally landed in the seventh and embarrassed Ross onto the seat of his pants, there were more jeers for Stanley than cheers for Rick. A win over Pat Cuillo was dreadfully dull, and Rickey seemed to be getting his come-uppance when Bernard Benton out-busied him in a bout in which Parkey thought his classic boxing was picking up the points. When he beat Renaldo Snipes, it was considered more of a bench-mark of Renaldo's decline.

With a developing reputation as a dull cutie, no one was ready for what happened next. Against Broderick Mason, no bum, but a hot ticket-seller looking to make a name for himself, Rickey charged out and launched a screaming right that left Mason twitching frighteningly on the canvas. The referee didn't finish the count, making Parkey the holder of an eight-second knockout, a New Jersey record that will probably never be broken.

Not that he didn't try! In his next bout, Bobby Crabtree made it just past half a minute, giving Rickey two successive main event wins totalling less than sixty seconds. But the turnabout caused more confusion than elation. Fans didn't know whether they'd be seeing "hammer" or "bounce." Like the cup "half empty," critics tended to notice what was missing more than what was there. When Parkey next dropped a highly controversial decision to Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in an unpleasant affair, the controversy made the whole thing a negative experience.

It seems only fitting that the unpredictable Parkey, 30, got his shot at Leroy Murphy's IBF cruiserweight crown on a bet between Elbaum and the champion's promoter, Cedric Kushner. In Murphy, the challenger was facing almost a photographic negative. The multi-titled amateur star was well known before he ever turned pro. Murphy was carefully nurtured through an unbeaten course right to the crown. But his credentials were questionable. And when it counted most, Parkey put everything together. "I put everything I had into it," he declared. "I wanted it so bad, to secure my future."

Murphy was outpunched, outboxed, outclassed, and out of a title, kayoed in the tenth.

The new champion considers his ability to get along with peopole his most valuable asset, and loves working with kids. "I watch how I carry myself, and try to set a good example," he advises. "If you encourage people to do good things, you'll be blessed. I'd like to take care of me and my family first, then do things for others." Taking a page from Larry Holmes' book, he considers opening a gym for kids in Morristown, and hopes the image of a home-grown world champion will inspire them.

Will Rickey Parkey always be an unknown champion? He has an answer for that, too. "I like what they're doing in the heavyweight division," he says of the unification concept. He'd like to see it in his division too, but knows what he's up against. "The promoters and managers, they like it that way," he says of split titles. But he figures he can handle that. Taking care of his own affairs has shown him that he can guide his career in more ways than just beating up opponents. Regarding his association with Elbaum, Rickey informs, "He found out dealing with me, when he messed up, he paid for it." But, he emphasizes, it's a positive force. "Once I started getting into my business and watching out for myself, people respected me, and good things happened because of that."

The cynics in boxing like to say that champions come and go, only titles remain. If Parkey has his way, the title that remains will be grander than the one he conquered. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF RICKEY PARKEY

Morristown, Tennessee cruiserweight

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1981		
Oct. 24	Phil Clinard	Morristown	KO 2
Oct. 27	Miles Prince	Memphis	KO 5
	1982		
Jan. 30	Bonecrusher Smith	Knoxville	L 6
July. 8	Tim Johnson	Knoxville	KO 1
Aug. 27	Frankie Hines	Knoxville	KO 3
Oct. 16	Maurice Moore	Charlotte	KO 4
	1983		
Jan. 8	Keith Allen	Pennington Gap, VA.	W 6
Jan. 13	Bob Jennings	Bristol	L 8
Feb. 4	Keith Allen	Knoxville	KO 4
Mar. 12	Kempter Morton	Raceland, Ky.	KO 4
May 26	Anthony Phillips	Knoxville	KO 3
June 25	Phil Clinard	Pennington Gap	W 8
Nov. 15	Stanley Ross	Atlantic City	W 8
	1984		
Jan. 11	Pat Cuillo	Atlantic City	W 8
Sept. 11	Bernard Benton	Atlantic City	L 12
	(Vacant USBA Cruiserweight Title)		
Oct. 30	Renaldo Snipes	Atlantic City	W 10
Dec. 11	Broderick Mason	Atlantic City	KO 1
	1985		
Apr. 23	Bobby Crabtree	Atlantic City	KO 1
June 18	E. Mustafa Muhammad	Atlantic City	L 10
Sept. 10	Michael Arms	Atlantic City	W 12
	(Continental Americas Cruiser Title)		
	1986		
Jan. 28	Carlos Hernandez	Atlantic City	KO 7
Oct. 25	Lee Roy Murphy	Marsala, Sicily	KO 10
	(Won IBF Cruiserweight Title)		

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
22	18	4	0	12

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NEW FACES

DAVID GAUVIN

THE SEED WAS PLANTED AT A TENDER age.

"When I was young, my Dad took me to a fight in Fall River, Massachusetts and it really stuck in my mind," remembered undefeated bantamweight David Gauvin when asked what first sparked his interest in boxing.

A few years later David began formal training at the local CYC. There followed a solid 134-9 amateur career that took Gauvin all the way to 1984 Olympic Trials. He beat All-Service champion Tyrone Stewart in the first round, but then lost a debatable decision to Jesse Benevides.

"I beat Benevides bad, but they gave him the decision," claims Gauvin. "I thought all my dreams had ended. I still get angry thinking about that fight. But boxing isn't my dream anymore. Now boxing is my business."

However, Gauvin isn't putting all his career eggs into one basket.

"My parents always stressed the importance of getting a college education," said Gauvin. "My two older brothers both graduated from college. Gary (27) graduated from SMU. Ricky (25) graduated from Marquette with honors and then went on to law school."

Fortunately for Gauvin, he has been able to pursue both his fistic and academic careers since joining the Houston Boxing Association stable. He is currently a part time student at the University of Houston, majoring in business administration, and a full-time professional fighter.

Gauvin turned pro with a four-round decision over Darren Neal in New Orleans in March of 1985 and has since streaked to 14 consecutive victories, seven via the early route. He has become a regular on both the Houston and Atlantic City beats, boxing a collection of steadily improving opposition under the HBA banner.

Gauvin can't say enough good things about Josephine Abercrombie and her HBA program.

"Talk about being shocked! All the stereotypes came falling down when I met

Mrs. Abercrombie. I believe HBA is bringing a new image to boxing. They are providing me with my education and the best training facilities available," gushed David.

Tall for a bantam, Gauvin shows good movement and throws plenty of punches. In his most recent outing he won a unanimous 12-round decision over Ernesto (Che) Guevara for the vacant Texas State 118-pound title.

"I really boxed well. I thought it was one of my better performances," said Gauvin.

Despite a choir boy face, Gauvin is all-business once the first bell sounds.

"Something happens when I get in the ring. I'm a different person. I think to myself, 'I trained for this fight and I don't want someone to take it away from me. This guy's trying to ruin my reputation."

Not everybody is completely sold on Gauvin. One veteran Atlantic City observer thinks some fans are overly enthusiastic about the lanky bantamweight just because he's white.

"Gauvin had life and death with guys like Ricky Diaz and Larry Cheatam," reports *The Ring's* J.R. Jowett. "Those are guys he should be belting out if he's going anywhere. He's also fairly easy to hit. But he makes for entertaining fights, and who knows, maybe he'll improve."

"I'm working on my defense a helluva lot," said Gauvin in reply to such criticism. "I was standing straight up and getting hit too much. Now, I'm bending at the waist more and moving my head. I feel I'm improving. My trainers, Jessie Reid and "Potato Pie" Boulden, aren't rusing me, but I'm progressing."

At 23, Gauvin still has plenty of time to develop his fighting skills. And while his "heart and soul" is in boxing, he's hardly the one-dimensional type.

"I've done some modeling and I've appeared in the European edtition of *Vogue*. I'd also like to do a little acting. Maybe, eventually, I'll write a book."

But for the time being, Gauvin will settle for adding more wins to his ledger in *The Ring Record Book*. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF DAVID GAUVIN

Houston, Texas bantamweight
Born: Fall River, Mass.
Manager: Bob Spagnola

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1985		
Mar. 4	Darren Neal	New Orleans	W 4
Mar. 18	Nelson Garcia	Houston	W 4
Apr. 10	Keith Jenkins	Atlantic City	KO 1
May 9	Temo Villanueva	Houston	KO 4
June 28	Larry Cheatam	Atlantic City	W 6
July 20	Malcom Rouge	Conroe	KO 3
Oct. 24	Larry Cheatam	Fall River	W 8
Dec. 11	Eloy Santos	Houston	KO 1
	1986		
Feb. 28	Valentine Espinoza	Atlantic City	KO 5
Mar. 28	Nelson Garcia	Houston	KO 2
June 12	Felipe Mojica	Houston	W 6
June 27	Ricky Diaz	Atlantic City	W 8
Sept. 11	Carlos Lopez	Houston	KO 6
Nov. 13	Ernesto Guevara	Houston	W 12
	(Won Vacant Texas State Bantam Title)		

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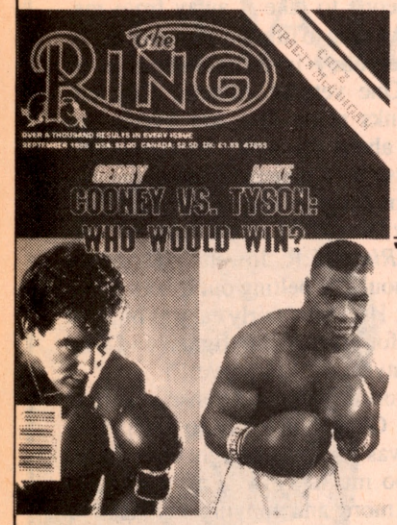

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ASK THE ANSWERMAN

by Herbert G. Goldman

Q: How long has it been since Marvelous Marvin Hagler kept some hair on his head? Do you have any pictures of him before he chose to keep it shaven?

CHARLES L. WYNN
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A: *Hagler, who started his professional career shortly after winning the 1973 National AAU middleweight title, adopted his present look around 1974.*

Q: Is the popular Sylvester Stallone (Rocky) a real boxer or just a film actor?

WILLIAM BEDIAKO
Switzerland

A: *Stallone is a film actor who was in* The Lords of Flatbush *prior to his phenomenal success as Rocky. Stallone has received numerous chances to box professionally, including one reputed offer from the Johnny Barr stable of Philadelphia.*

Q: Is Malcolm Gordon still publishing a weekly newsletter called *Tonight's Boxing Program?* If he is, could you give me the address and cost of his boxing newsletter?

TERRENCE McCONNELL
Rockaway Park, N.Y.

What ever happened to "Irish" Bob Murphy? Read this month's "Ask The Answerman" and find out.

A: *Malcolm (Flash) Gordon temporarily suspended publication of* Tonight's Boxing Program and Weekly Newsletter *in order to get out his* 1986 East Coast Boxing Yearbook. *He is resuming publication of his newsletter, which may be ordered by writing to: Flash Gordon, 41-29 46th Street, Sunnyside, N.Y. 11104. A one-year subscription (52 issues guaranteed, even if he fails to publish every week) is $50. Twenty-six issues are yours for $25.*

Q: Repeated references have been made to John L. Sullivan's 1883-84 exhibition tour. Can you give any details of this tour? What was its starting point? When did it end?

JOSEPH BRODIE
Lowell, Mass.

A: *The tour, which consisted of 148 engagements, began in Baltimore on September 28, 1883 and ended in Toledo, Ohio on May 23, 1884. Sullivan and his sponsors offered $1,000 to any man who could stay four rounds with the champ. The tour did much to spread the popularity of boxing and the Marquess of Queensberry rules.*

Q: Whatever happened to "Irish" Bob Murphy, light heavyweight contender of the early 1950s?

GERALD CALLAGHAN
Lebanon, Pa.

A: *Murphy was killed in an automobile accident on in 1961.*

Q: What was the time of Lee Savold's first round knockout over Gino Buonvino in Madison Square Garden?

HERBERT LADSEN
East Chicago, Ind.

A: *The bout took place on March 19, 1948, and the time of the kayo was 0:54.*

Q: What was the first fight card held in the present Madison Square Garden?

HAROLD SOMNER
Jacksonville, Fla.

A: *Nino Benvenuti vs. Emile Griffith for the latter's world's middleweight title and Joe Frazier vs. Buster Mathis for the vacant New York version of the world's heavyweight championship. The twin bill was held on March 4, 1968.*

Q: Did Charley Burley ever fight for a world's title?

AL GIBSON
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A: *Burley, a great welterweight who fought and knocked out heavyweights, never got the title shot he certainly deserved.*

Q: Was boxing always legal in New York?

MICHAEL HANSEN
Stockton, Calif.

A: *No. Boxing was not legal in New York until 1896, when the Horton law legalized 25-round Queensberry bouts. The Horton law was repealed in 1900, and "private" fights were the only bouts of any kind held in New York until 1903, when three-round contests were allowed. Six-round bouts were allowed in 1906, and 10-round contests were permitted in 1909. The Frawley Law made boxing fully legal (sans decisions) in 1911. That law was repealed in 1917, and "club membership" boxing was ruled out the following year. The Walker Law enfranchised boxing in 1920, and the "Sweet Science" has been entirely legal in the Empire State ever since.* □

SOLID GOLD MAN

STREETS OF GOLD
(Twentieth Century-Fox, 1986)

CAST:
Alek Neuman ..... KLAUS MARIA BRANDAUER
Timmy Boyle ... ADRIAN PASDAR
Roland Jenkins .... WESLEY SNIPES
Elena Gitman .... ANGELA MOLINA
Klebanov ..... ELYA BASKIN
Brenda ..... RAINBOW HARVEST
Grisha ..... ADAM NATHAN
Linehan ..... JOHN MAHONEY
Malinovsky ..... JAROSLAV STREMIEN
Vinnie ..... DAN O'SHEA
Sonny ..... MIKE BEACH
Bobby Rainey ..... JOHN McCURRY

CREDITS:
Director ..... JOE ROTH
Producers ..... JOE ROTH
HARRY UFLAND
Co-Producers ..... PATRICK McCORMICK
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Screenplay ..... HEYWOOD GOULD
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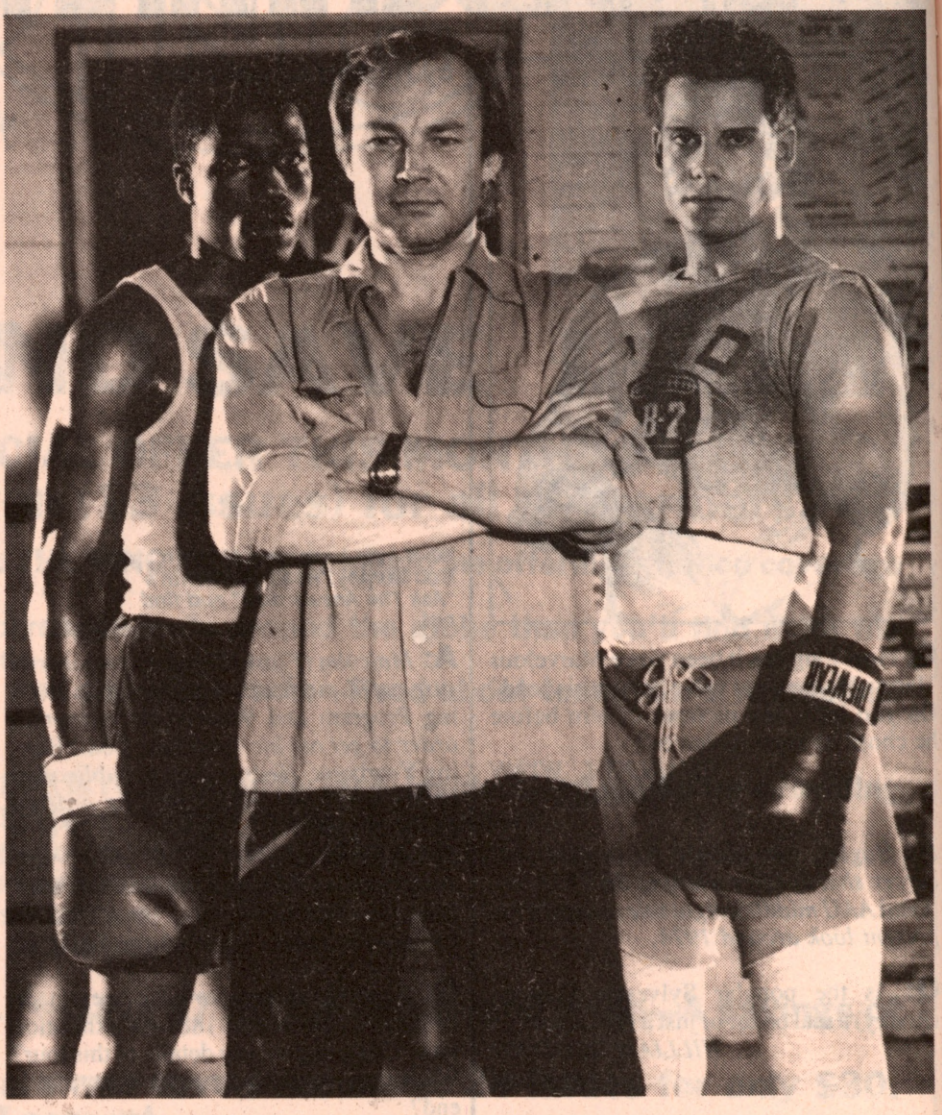

***From left to right are actors Wesley Snipes, Klaus Maria Brandauer and Adrian Pasdar who star in the new boxing movie,* Streets of Gold.**

A GOOD DEAL OF THE PHONE CALLS made to *The Ring* office are from Hollywood, where there are still a number of misguided producers who think boxing movies are as commercial as Alka Seltzer. Maybe *Streets of Gold* will bring them to their senses.

It's far from the worst movie ever made, and Klaus Maria Brandauer gives a credible performance as a Russian Jewish emigrant who ends up training two American boxers. It's just that there is not much to it — no truly memorable performances, not enough action, and a plot that goes from moribund to an all-too-predictable finish.

Twentieth Century-Fox, in conjunction with such other corporate giants as Gleason's Gym and the Metropolitan Amateur Boxing Federation, held a special preview showing of the film at the Gotham Cinema in New York on Wednesday evening, November 12, 1986. Ira Becker, the owner of Gleason's, must have had a hand in making out the invitations because most of the crowd that filled the theatre was made up of boxing people. The idea was also to have boxing people "spread the word" about the picture. Forget it. There just aren't enough people in New York with ties to boxing to make that much of a difference.

Streets of Gold is about Alex Neuman, a Jewish-Russian boxing champion who, denied the chance of competing in the Olympics, has fled the Soviet Union for the "Streets of Gold" in the United States. He takes a job as a dishwasher and, ultimately, trains two prospects he saw win fights against nothing opposition in a cheap smoker.

Neuman enters both boxers in a tournament against the Russian amateur team, but Roland, the greater of the two, is forced to withdraw when his right hand is slashed in a street attack. The other fighter, Timmy, goes on to win the light heavyweight competition from his larger and vastly more experienced Russian opponent.

The final fight scene is ridiculous — another overdone combat in which the Russian boxer almost pounds the American into extinction before the hero, rallied by the shouts of his stablemate, rallies to score a kayo in the third. I've heard of dramatic license, but give me a break. Have you ever seen an amateur fight? The referee stops it if one of the kids breaths hard. That scene in *Streets of Gold* would have been stopped if it had been a cock fight at the southern tip of Baja California.

Please, Hollywood. there are a lot of quality films that can be made. Leave off trying to imitate *Rocky*. Ten years of "Feeling Strong Now" is enough.

THE THIRD ANNUAL EDITION OF THE *British Boxing Yearbook* finally arrived at this office. It's good, believe me. The information is as exciting as the movie, *Streets of Gold,* which probably says more about *Streets of Gold* than it does about the *British Boxing Yearbook*.

The British have virtually perfect records on boxing since 1946, and this edition of the *British Boxing Yearbook* centers on the post-war era. A summary of British Boxers who turned professional during the 1960s has been added, along with complete career records of all post-World War II British title challengers. "Once again," notes editor Barry J. Hugman in his preface, "we have continued to make changes within the yearbook to maintain interest and not allow stagnation." *Bravo,* Barry. These changes make each new edition something to look forward to — with treasures quite apart from the complete and accurate records of all active British boxers that make up the meat-and-potatoes portions.

Boxing in Britain, it will once more be noted, is a largely seasonal affair, with few shows being held during the summer. For that reason, the *British Boxing Yearbook* is issued in the fall and covers boxing during the previous season (e.g., the 1987 edition contains the complete record of every British boxer active from September, 1985 through June, 1986). Copies of the 1987 edition (and, if desired, the 1985 and 1986 editions, which have much more info. on old-timers) may be ordered by writing to Hamlyn Publishing Group, P.O. Box 31, Newton Abbot, Devon England TQ12 5AQ. The 1987 edition is £8.95 (softback) and £11.95 (hard), while the 1986 edition is £6.95 (soft) and £9.95 (hard). The first (1985) edition is still available at £5.95 (soft) and £8.95 (hard). U.S. readers should consult their bank about foreign exchange rates and international money orders.

Once again, a fine job from Mr. Hugman and assistant editor Ron Olver. I'm already looking forward to the fourth edition.

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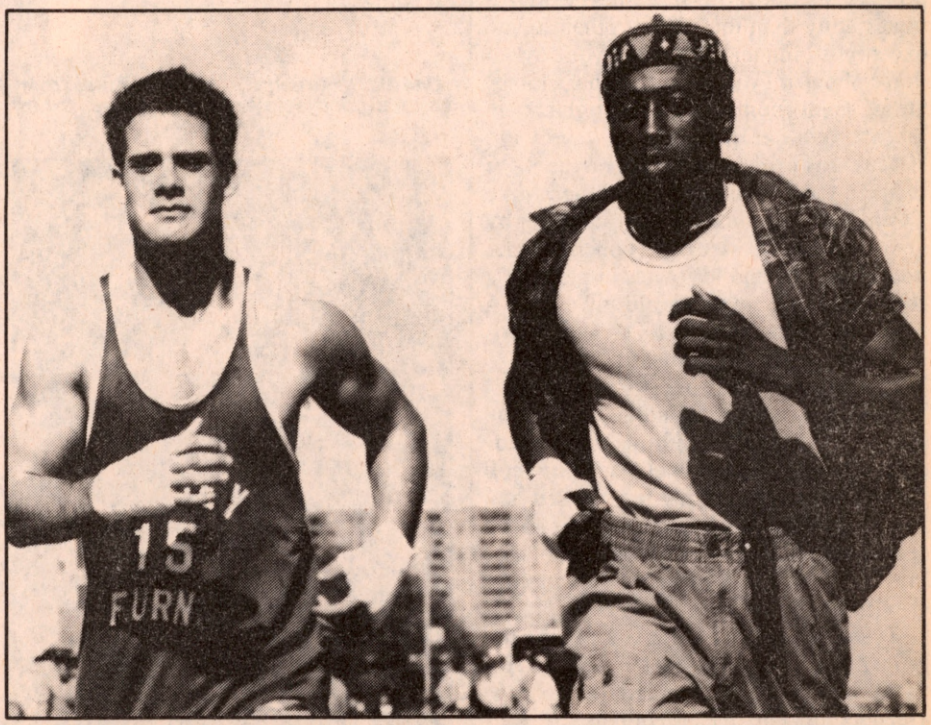


Adrian Pasdar (left) and Wesley Snipes hit the road in Twentieth Century-Fox's latest entry in the boxing movie derby. One reviewer called it* Rocky IV Junior. *Read this month's "Solid Goldman" for further details.

PUGSTYLE

By Joseph D'O'Brian

CLOTHING, ALTHOUGH WE SELDOM realize it, is a very important part of most sports. An athlete's uniform often comes to signify a lot about who he is, what his team represents, and, sometimes, the direction in which his sport is moving.

Baseball, for instance, is a highly traditionalized sport, laden with rituals, manners and the need to always be *comme il faut*. Thus, there is a great respect for classic, conservative uniforms, such as Yankee pinstripes, Dodger blue, and the subdued but elegant outfits of teams like the Tigers and Red Sox. Teams with goofy-looking uniforms, like the Pirates and the A's, get laughed at.

In individual sports, top athletes are almost always identified by a certain way of dressing, or a certain garment. Think of Gary Player's black pullover, Chris Evert-Lloyd's eternity bracelet, or Bobby Jones' plus-fours.

You wouldn't think that clothing would be all that important to a boxer. After all, a boxer's work uniform comes nearer to total nudity than that of any other athlete except a swimmer. But when you stop to think about it, you'll realize that clothes are of great moment to most fighters, in the ring and out of it.

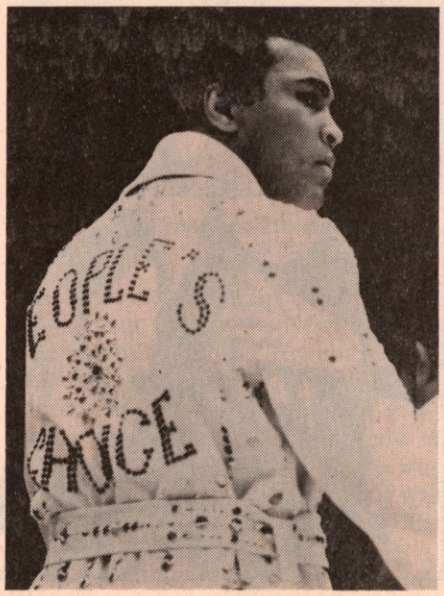
This was made clear to me on the night of the Tyson-Berbick match, when Mike Tyson made a major fashion statement by entering the ring wearing a poncho made, apparently, of an old towel, in place of a robe. Clothing, even an old towel, has a language of its own, and Tyson was evidently trying to say something.

In this case, I suspect, Tyson was entering the ring in an intentionally humble garment, in keeping with his very down-to-earth image. That towel made him look far more like a terrifying bruiser that any robe would have done. It remains to be seen whether any other fighters will emulate this look, but if he keeps on winning, they might.

Tyson, of course, is far from being the only fighter who has ever made a statement with what he wore into the ring. Hector Camacho does it with his spangled trunks; Archie Moore used to do it with his Oriental robes; Joe Frazier set a trend for Philadelphia fighters with his long, baggy trunks.

In each instance, something's being said. Camacho, I suspect, wears those trunks partly as a way of saying, "Yes, I look silly, but you don't dare laugh at me!" But he may also be wearing them as a statement to himself. He might be telling himself, "If I come into the ring dressed like this, I had better win. There is no way I can avoid making myself ridiculous if I lose wearing this outfit." As long as he keeps winning, people will forgive him his bad taste. Once he loses, he'll be a mountebank, and he must know this.

One of "The Greatest's" few departures from sartorial good taste was this robe given to him by Elvis Presley.



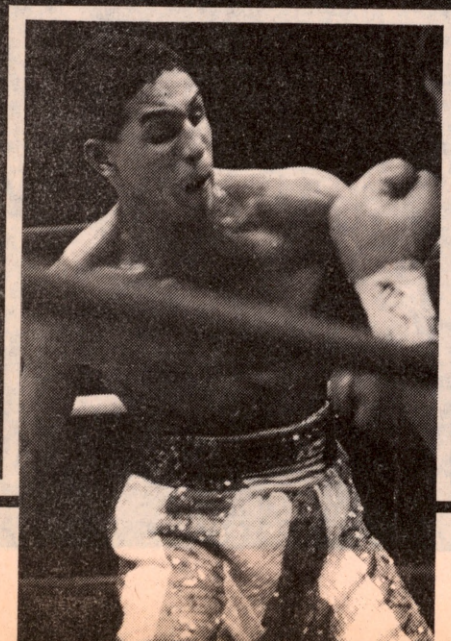
Archie Moore was flamboyant in another way. He looked different from all other fighters when he came into the ring, but not enough so that he risked being laughed at. His moustache and goatee set him apart from other fighters (this was in the 1950s, when only beatniks had facial hair); so did his elegant black-and-gold robes. The effect was to make him look like a kind of Oriental poet-warrior, maybe too intellectual to make most people comfortable. It was a style that never really caught on; few fighters are as eager as Moore was to be thought of as brainy.

When it comes to street clothes, you'll find that here, too, boxers are likely to want to make a statement. This is not true of other sports. On the street, most baseball players look like extras from *Miami Vice*; football players look like gravediggers who forgot to change out of their work clothes; and who the hell knows what golf and tennis players wear when they're not performing?

Boxers are different. Most of them are clothes-lovers, and even most of those who aren't are at least aware that they need to have some kind of a "look" that will make them stand out when they're not in the ring. (I don't think, by the way, that this because they need a "look" more than any other athlete does. Baseball and football players ought to make fashion statements in their street clothes, too. But most of them aren't smart enough to know this. Most boxers are.

Come to think about it, one of the most cherished rituals of a night at the fights is the fashion show that takes place in the ring just before the main even comes on, when all the champions, contenders and prospects in attendance are brought into the ring to be introduced to the crowd. They never actually admit that it's a fashion show, of course; that wouldn't be considered quite manly. But that's what it is. These guys invariably come into the ring in their favorite threads, some tastefully turned out, some not, but always wanting to give a show. These interludes have been

Archie Moore was never at a loss when it came to dreaming up new styles to shock the public. He also wore a moustache and goatee when only beatniks had facial hair. Above left, Muhammad Ali laughed at George Foreman's clothes, but they shared the same taste in women. That's Veronica Porche, Muhammad's third wife, on the far right, posing with George for this 1974 publicity shot. Below left, classical fighters such as Marvelous Marvin Hagler tend to wear classical clothes. Faddish or transitory coverings simply wouldn't do.



Writer Joseph D'O'Brian thinks he knows why Hector (Macho) Camacho wears such outrageous ring attire. Read "Pugstyle" for details.

Left: A young Muhammad Ali during his 1966 trip to England to fight Brian London. Even back then, Ali wore conservative suits in the best of taste.

WBC heavyweight champion Mike Tyson makes a fashion statement with a brightly-colored warmup suit, highlighted by his new championship belt.

photo by Chris Farina

a part of boxing tradition for many years; they reached a peak perhaps in the 1950s, when we'd often see such fashion plates as Joe Louis, Ray Robinson and Floyd Patterson all in the same ring. Robinson and Patterson would show the latest from Harlem; the more conservative Louis displayed fashions for the mature gentleman.

Wait a minute, I hear you cry. Floyd Patterson, a fashion plate? The same Floyd Patterson who is usually seen in jeans and a T-shirt anymore That's right; Patterson was just as flamboyant as anyone back in his salad days. Of course, his current predilection for the least formal clothes he can get is something of a fashion statement, too, I suspect. The fancy threads suited him when he was young and impetuous and a big draw on the Gillette Friday Night Fights; the jeans and T-shirt look is perfect for his present role as boxing's man of no-nonsense wisdom.

There are actually quite a few fighters who have developed a look that's just right for them. Gerry Cooney, for all his faults, is a perfect dresser. He wouldn't look good at all in anything high-fashion; he's not the suit-and-tie sort, either. His invariable windbreaker-and-cloth-cap ensemble is flattering to him, and it fits his image of clean-cut working-class hero.

I guess even Camacho's look is right for him. Tacky threads for a tacky guy, right? But who knows? Maybe he, like Patterson, will undergo a sartorial metamorphosis. Or maybe, like the English politician Disraeli a century and half ago, he'll realize that flashy dress gets people's attention, but conservative dress makes them take you seriously.

Mike Tyson, who usually appears in public in a brightly-colored warmup suit, had a pretty good look for a young prospect. Now that he's one of the pretenders to the heavyweight title, and probably will be the real Heavyweight Champion of the World before long, he needs to develop a champion's look. That means putting away the warmup suits and getting a little more formal. If I were his image consultant, I'd buy him a lot of tweeds, which would flatter his figure and go along with his rather professorial, intellectual demeanor. I would not let him be caught in anything high-fashion.

Lots of fighters wear today's high-fashion clothes, and only a few of them are able to pull it off. Pinklon Thomas tries it, but his bulky body and big American face just don't go with the oddly-tailored and extravagantly-patterned suits he favors. He always looks as though his clothes are wearing him, rather than the other way around.

Michael Olajide is about the only fighter around now who looks good in very fashionable stuff. Of course, he's a professional model, so he knows a lot about how to look good. Plus, he doesn't look like a fighter. He's pretty rather than handsome. Most fighters are just too tough-looking to carry off today's rather foppish styles.

I notice that more and more fighters are showing up at the arena (if they're not on the card) in evening dress. This is fine; most of them look great in a dinner suit. Marvin Hagler, Thomas Hearns and Michael Spinks look as good in evening clothes as any three guys in the civilized world. And we must admit that getting dressed up that way for a fight lends a certain tone to what might otherwise be a vulgar brawl. (In fact, in the early days of London's National Sporting Club, full evening dress was nearly the rule for all members of the audience. It's a practice that ought to be revived. I mean, don't we get dressed up for the opera?)

Some fighters ought to learn the rules about evening dress, though. Michael Spinks recently showed up at a press luncheon in black tie. While the outfit looked good on him, a conservative business suit would have been far more appropriate for daytime.

Speaking of conservatism, the very best fighters tend also to be the best dressers, precisely because, for some reason, they favor conservative suits. Think about it. Have you ever seen Ray Leonard or Muhammnad Ali in anything but the most correct, tasteful dress?

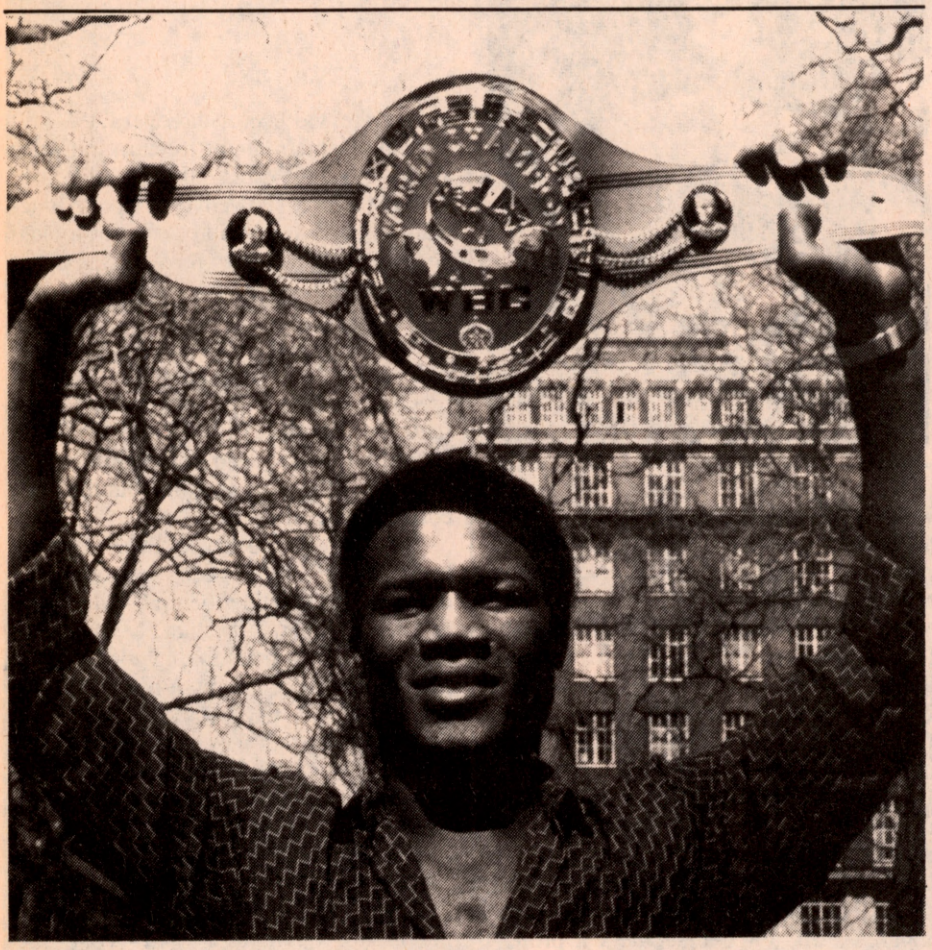
This may be because these fighters know exactly how good they are, and don't have to hide behind outrageous clothes. Or it may be that they're smart enough to know that looking good is more likely to make an impression than looking outrageous. Or maybe it's because these fighters know that they are classics themselves. They probably wouldn't want to drape their classic persons in any faddish, transitory covering. After all, who would care to listen to a disco version of Beethoven's Ninth?

Well, far be it from me to dictate what anyone else should wear. If everyone dressed to my taste, I'd have nobody to sneer at, and that would be a hell of a note. But I would suggest that rising young fighters keep in mind the story of a chance meeting between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman, a few months before they met in the ring for their "Rumble in the Jungle."

Supposedly, both of them were dressed up in their best, whatever the reason for the meeting might have been. Ali, as usual, was decked out in one of his somber, dark suits with sensible shoes. Foreman was sporting the high-fashion look of the day: a brightly-colored leisure suit, a shirt with an oversized collar, broad-brimmed hat, and bright-orange platform shoes.

"And when I saw those fly shoes," Ali recalled later, "I said to myself, 'I'm gonna win!'" □

DENNIS ANDRIES:



Dennis Andries displays the WBC belt he hopes to keep in his upcoming battle with Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns.

WILL HE STOP HEARNS' BID TO WIN THE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE?

by Jonathan Shapiro

THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL should do a study on why nobody has been able to sell WBC light heavyweight champion Dennis Andries to the British public or the world's boxing community.

At first glance, he appears to be a solid product. In 1984, the Guyana-born fighter avenged an earlier defeat at the hands of Tom Collins to earn the British title. He has successfully defended five times, thereby earning for himself one Lonsdale Belt, and two notches toward a second.

Clearly the best thing England has produced in the division since John Conteh, Andries claimed the world title last April when he outpointed J.B. Williamson in Edmonton. In has first WBC defense last September, he scored an impressive victory over a tough opponent as he stopped fellow countryman Tony Sibson in the ninth round of their contest at the Alexandria Pavilion.

Now Andries is set to defend again, and this time, he faces a legend. A new, larger-sized Tommy Hearns will try and make it three titles at three different weight classes when he faces Andries this February. The champion has few doubts who the public will favor in that contest.

"I will be the underdog," Andries said

recently in an interview at his manager's office, just off of Trafalgar Square, London. "When I fought Williamson, *Boxing News* predicted he'd keep the title. When I fought Sibson, the press said he would take it from me. But I won. All I ever do is win."

Andries does not say this arrogantly. For the most part, it is the truth. Undefeated for the past four and a half years, the only mark on his recent record was the controversial draw against Alex Blanchard for the European title in 1985. His 28-6-2 record is misleading—four of those defeats came between February 1980 and March of 1982, when Andries was suffering the effects of bad management. Since joining forces with Greg Steene, at 34, perhaps the youngest man to handle a world champion, Andries has been a model of consistency.

Yet the fame and fortune most people think automatically follows a world crown have eluded him. His titles may make Andries proud, but they have not made him wealthy, happy, or especially beloved among the people.

"I've not made that much money at boxing, and I'm not as well known as I should be," he says. Steene points out that his man's biggest pay-day has been a less than massive 75,000 dollars.

"For awhile, Henry Cooper did not even know Dennis was the champion," Steene says.

Part of the problem is that Andries comes in the wrong size. "The division is a graveyard," Steene says. "It is not that glamourous a field. Dennis is a natural light heavy, though, and so we never thought of moving him up or down."

To be sure, the 175-pound class remains a lacklustre one. In the United States, what little attention has been given to the light-heavies has gone to Marvin Johnson and Bobby Czyz. Steene feels it was this lack of name recognition which convinced Hearns that Andries was beatable. "I bet if you went to New York and asked 100 people who Dennis Andries is, not more than a dozen would know. Am I right?" Steene asked.

Not wishing to sound rude, I held back my view that Slobodan Kacar was more of a household word.

Yet even in England, a nation eager and even desperate for champions, Andries toils away in quiet anonymity. He is the forgotten hero. The man without a following. While the public avidly follows the exploits of others, Andries has yet to receive anything close to national recognition, and it troubles him.

"I'm genuine. I never tried to build up a public image. Anything Bruno or Honeyghan do is in the papers. I get nothing. Even when I win, the papers have excuses for the other guy. I feel the whole system is against me. I don't know what it is. Something fishy is going on," Andries says.

As most boxing fans know, the medical term for this condition is Larry Holmes Syndrome. The patient, usually a champion, keeps saying he is unpopular until he has convinced everybody that he is unlikeable.

It is the reason why Andries stays on the shelf. The bottom line is that winning is not enough to make a boxer admired. Personality plays a role. When Andries tries to explain why Bruno stays in the public eye, despite having failed to win a title, he comes up with this: "In England, they like losers more than winners." It is hardly the kind of thing which is going to win him mates here. "I don't kiss their backsides," he says, in reference to the press. Andries is not nicknamed Mr. Congeniality.

It is a shame he has not received the same acclaim that McGuigan, Bruno, or the brash Honeyghan have received, because Andries is the kind of tough street-fighter who usually enjoys a great deal of popularity with the fans. "He does everything wrong, but he gets the job done," Steene says, and while nobody is going to award Andries style points, everybody agrees he's got one of the bigger hearts around.

And despite his comments, Andries is no villain. Married for twelve years, he has a 12-year-old son who will not be allowed to box. "The game is too rough—I do all the fighting for the family," he says. Prior to sport, he worked in skill trades, first as a plasterer, and later as a tailor. He sees himself as a professional first and foremost, and while others concern themselves with public appeal, he sticks to his fundamental tasks.

"Just give me a fight, and I'll win. People don't know my name now," he says, his face set in determination, "but I will beat my name into them soon enough." Like Holmes, he is almost excessively proud. Maybe it is a reaction to how people responded to him, or perhaps it is the cause of how they reacted. Either way, there is little evidence that he will be changing too much in the near-future.

At 34 years old, Andries comes to the biggest fight of his life late in his career. At a time when other champions might be looking forward to padding out the record or hanging up the gloves, this tough veteren is about to step in with one of the games most dominant figures of recent times. Victory against Hearns could bring him all the glory and compensation he feels he has missed so far. After all the battles, this is the one that counts.

"It is a fascinating match with tremendous incentives on both sides. If Dennis gets past Hearns, he could make a million overnight," Steene has said. While Andries is less idealistic, he recognizes his big chance.

"I'm really happy to be fighting him. It means everything to me. He's a man, not a legend. And his reputation won't help him in the ring," Andries says. "I'm going to keep him from making history. Hell, if he takes the light-heavy crown, he'll want Tyson next."

While The Hit Man definitely wins the battle for name recognition, Andries and his manager are more than a little confident that the outcome of the fight will go their way. Both men were on hand to see Hearns do battle with middleweight Doug DeWitt several months ago, and neither was impressed with Hearns' power at the higher division.

"We'd be willing to fight Hearns in his hometown of Detroit,' Steene said recently. "Tommy is ill-advised to take this fight. He thinks that Dennis will be easy meat, but he's going to be surprised."

Even Hearns' greatest supporters must admit that by putting on additional weight, the former welter and light middleweight champion may be biting off a bit more than he can chew. Andries is not a classic boxer—he keeps his hands too low, his jab can be ponderous, and his record does not suggest an arsenal of knockout blows.

But he is a natural light heavy with good strength and stamina, as well as a tough chin. And he is hungry to prove to the world that he is a champion worthy of respect, if not love.

There may still be time for the public to get one more good, hard look at the durable, reliable, though not especially pretty Dennis Andries. □

Welcome To The TYSON ERA

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

WBA Crown Next For Tyson Following Annihilation of Berbick

by Nigel Collins

ONE CAME AWAY FROM MIKE TYSON'S second round annihilation of Trevor Berbick feeling he'd seen a pivotal episode in boxing history, a match to be remembered, not for the fight itself, for there was none, but for the historic significance of the moment. Like Dempsey's cruel demolition of Willard, Louis' battering of Braddock, and Marciano's come-from-be-

Tyson wings a mighty right uppercut at Berbick as the defending WBC champion tries to fend off his rampaging challenger.

hind kayo over Walcott, Tyson's second round knockout of Berbick ushered in a new boxing era—the Tyson Era.

One also came away from the Las Vegas Hilton Center feeling he'd witnessed an execution. Tyson disposed of Berbick with all the subtlety of a slaughterhouse worker wielding a maul. So precise was his violent dismissal of the WBC champion, the question on everyone's lips was, "Can anybody beat him?"

It is a question that could keep arenas full and television ratings soaring for a long time to come. For Tyson not only wins, he does so in a manner that stirs instincts long dormant in man's soul. Call it blood lust if you will, but anyway you say it, it spells box office bonanza.

Though few were foolhardy enough to pick Berbick to win, most learned observers agreed Trevor would give the 20-year-old dreadnaught a decent workout, administering a bruising welcome to the championship ranks before succumbing to the drive and enthusiasm of youth. But the "Fighting Preacher" never had a prayer. Tyson reduced his participation to a cameo role, a mere prop in the drama that saw Mike become the youngest fighter in boxing history to win even partial recognition as the world heavyweight champion.

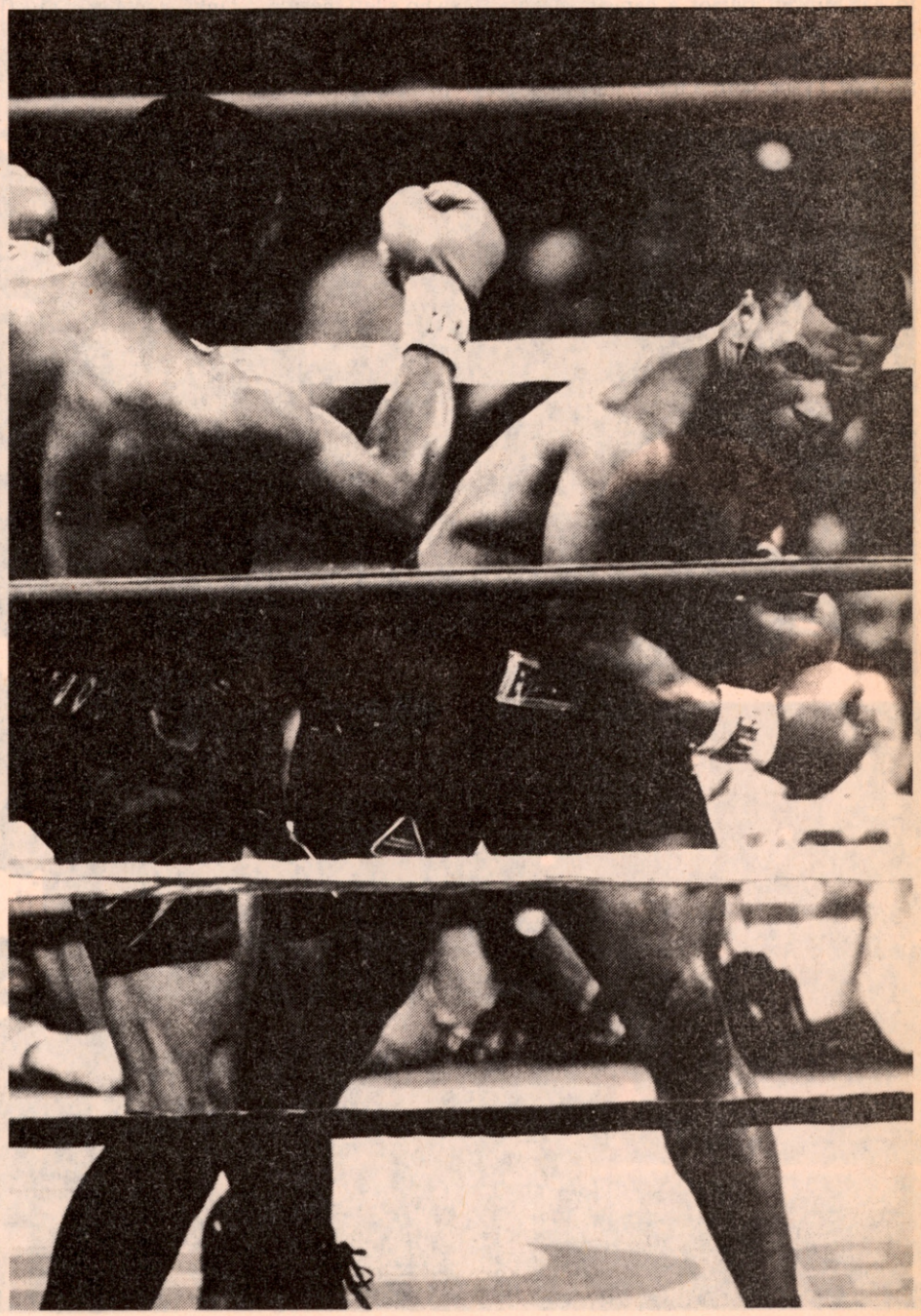
If there are still some who doubt Tyson's authenticity, they belong among those who believe the world is flat and the moon made of green cheese. The vast majority are either long faithful or newly converted to Tyson's camp.

With the first step easily accomplished, Tyson is well on his way to the undisputed heavyweight title. By the time you read this, Tyson will be back in Las Vegas prepping for the next step in his quest—against the WBA champion in early March. The fight will once again be hosted by the Las Vegas Hilton, but in a specially constructed outdoor stadium large enough (15,000 seats) to accommodate Tyson's growing legion of fans.

Who will be looking at him from the opposite corner is still undecided as we go to press. Tim Witherspoon and Tony Tubbs are scheduled to meet again in Madison Square Garden on December 12th in a rematch that became a necessity when Witherspoon's urine came up dirty following his 15-round decision over Tubbs last January in Atlanta. Since then, Witherspoon has boosted his stock by stopping Frank Bruno in London, while Tubbs padded his bank account, if not his record, by accepting step-aside money.

As Berbick frantically sought shelter along the ropes, a particularly savage right sent him crashing to the canvas like a man whose legs had been jerked from under him by an invisible rope attached to his ankles.

Witherspoon just might have the best chance of stalling Tyson's march to the Hall of Fame. Owner of probably the best chin in the division, "Terrible Tim" has mixed with the best of company. His 1983 loss to Larry Holmes was razor close, and his wins over Greg Page (W12), Bonecrusher Smith (W12), Quick Tillis (KO1), Renaldo Snipes (W10), James Broad (KO2), and Bruno (KO11) give him perhaps the best resume among the current



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Berbick has his back to the ropes as Tyson launches one bomb after another. Mike's attack was so devastating, Trevor never had a chance to get into the fight.

crop of big boys.

Whether it's smoking pot or gorging himself at the dinner table, the Philadelphian's biggest problem has always been a lack of discipline outside the ring. If he beats Tubbs impressively in their rematch and whips himself into top shape for Tyson, "Iron Mike" just might have a fight on his hands. Otherwise, Witherspoon will seem little more than a Berbick clone.

Tubbs, should he prevail the second time around against Witherspoon, is another fighter who constantly threatens to eat himself out of a career. A gifted boxer with surprising speed for a large man, a finely conditioned Tubbs should provide Tyson with a much more evasive target than any of his previous opponents. But Tubbs is a pitty-pat puncher without the power to hold Mike at bay. If Tony is the WBA champion come March, another Tyson victory is practically assured.

Assuming Tyson is victorious against the WBA champ, only Michael Spinks, the undefeated IBF titleholder, stands in his way of becoming the youngest heavyweight champion of all time. Of course, Spinks may decide to duck the issue by ducking Tyson (see accompanying sidebar for details). In that event, who's left, besides Spinks, capable of giving Tyson a tussle?

The most obvious choice is 1984 Olympic super heavyweight champion Tyrell Biggs. But even Biggs' co-manager, Shelly Finkle, has his doubts.

"Maybe in a year or so," said Finkle only minutes after Tyson sent Berbick reeling into obscurity. "Even then he would have to stick and move, try to outbox him. Nobody is going to be able to punch with Tyson."

The jury is still out on the undefeated Biggs. He was progressing well after kicking his cocaine habit until he suffered a broken collarbone during his winning effort against Jeff Sims. Although Tyrell has recovered from the injury and scored several more wins, he has yet to regain the form he showed prior to the accident. He could still develop into the *challenger* of the future, but at this time there are too

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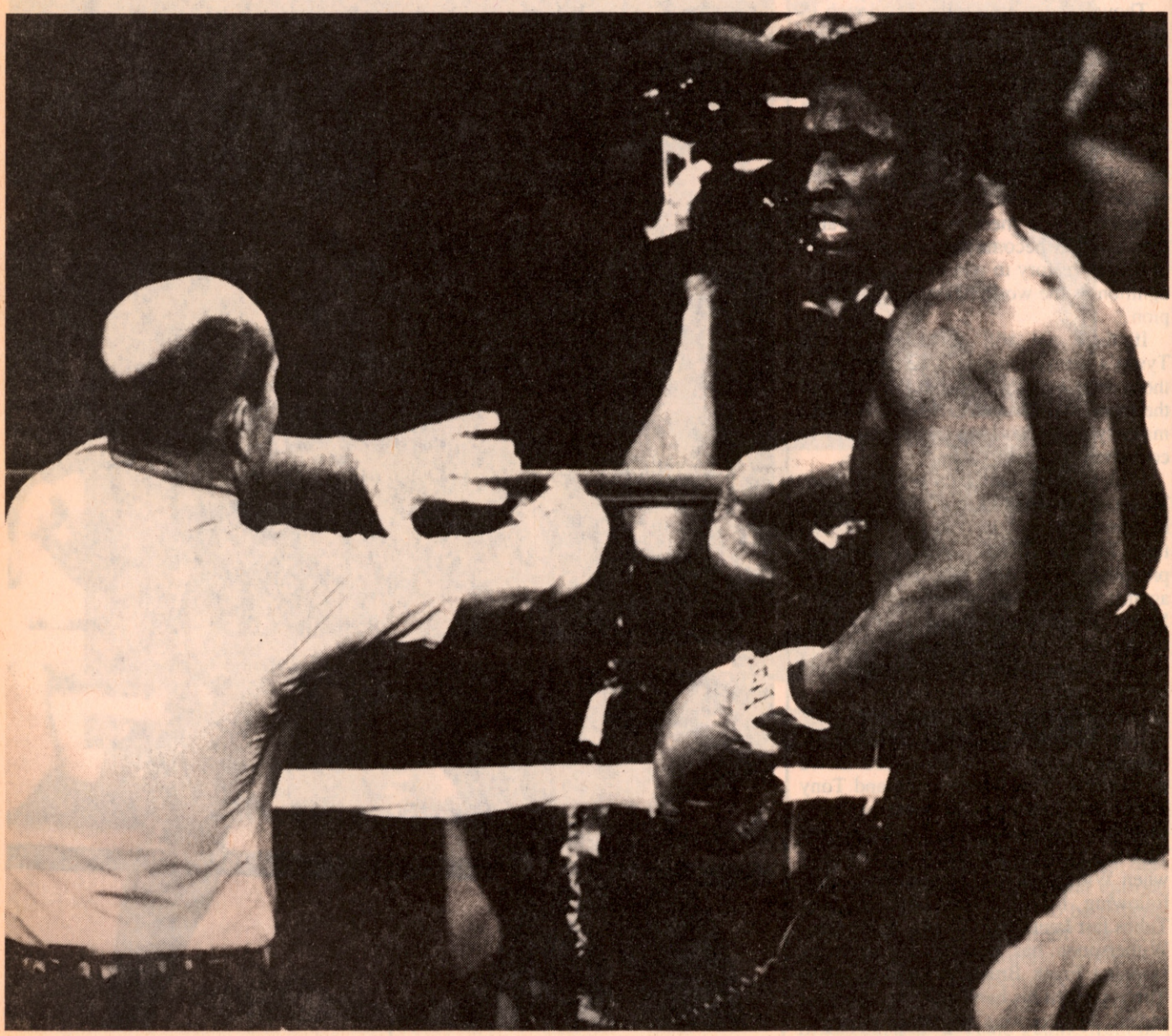

It's all over as referee Mills Lane rescues Berbick after the second knockdown. Trevor tried his best to carry on, but his legs just wouldn't cooperate.

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The Ring

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS*** .... St. Louis, Mo.

1. Mike Tyson** .... Catskill, N.Y.
2. Tim Witherspoon* .... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Pinklon Thomas .... Wyandotte, Mich.
4. Tony Tubbs .... Cincinnati, Ohio
5. Trevor Berbick .... Canada
6. James Smith .... Magnolia, N.C.
7. James (Buster) Douglas .... Columbus, Ohio
8. Tony Tucker .... Grand Rapids, Mich.
9. Frank Bruno .... England
10. Tyrell Biggs .... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. James Broad 12. Razor Ruddock 13. Mike Weaver 14. Carl Williams 15. Joe Bugner 16. Gerry Cooney 17. Larry Alexander 18. David Bey 19. Mitchell Green 20. Renaldo Snipes.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS (SUGAR) DeLEON** .... Puerto Rico

1. Evander Holyfield* .... Atlanta, Ga.
2. Ricky Parkey*** .... Morristown, Tenn.
3. Dwight Muhammda Qawi .... Camden, N.J.
4. Lee Roy Murphy .... Chicago, Ill.
5. Bert Cooper .... Philadelphia, Pa.
6. Henry Tillman .... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. John Odhiambo .... Uganda
8. Bernard Benton .... Detroit, Mich.
9. Alfonzo Ratliff .... Chicago, Ill.
10. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad .... Brooklyn, N.Y.

11. Osvaldo Ocasio 12. Boone Pultz 13. Tyrone Booze 14. Dorcey Gaymon 15. Jose M. Flores 16. Chisanda Mutti 17. Pierre Coetzer 18. Michael Greer 19. Bashiru Ali 20. Anthony Davis.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Marvin Johnson* .... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. Bobby Czyz*** .... Wanaque, N.J.
3. Dennis Andries** .... England
4. Slobodan Kacar .... Yugoslavia
5. Eddie Davis .... Freeport, N.Y.
6. Juan D. Roldan .... Argentina
7. Willie Edwards .... Detroit, Mich.
8. Leslie Stewart .... Trinidad
9. Jesse Shelby .... Ft. Worth, Texas
10. Prince Mamah Mohammed .... Ghana

11. Jean-Marie Emebe 12. J.B. Williamson 13. Charles Williams 14. Alex Blanchard 15. Kelvin Kelly 16. Uriah Grant 17. Everett Martin 18. Grady Smith 19. Marvin Mack 20. Don LaLonde.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* ** *** .... Brockton, Mass.

1. Thomas Hearns .... Detroit, Mich.
2. John Mugabi .... Uganda
3. Robbie Sims .... Brockton, Mass.
4. Herol Graham .... England
5. Iran Barkley .... Bronx, N.Y.
6. James Kinchen .... San Diego, Calif.
7. Milton McCrory .... Detroit, Mich.
8. Michael Nunn .... Sherman Oaks, Calif.
9. Lindell Holmes .... Detroit, Mich.
10. Michael Olajide .... Canada

11. Don Lee 12. Tony Sibson 13. Chong-Pal Park 14. Doug DeWitt 15. Frank Tate 16. Errol Christie 17. Mustafa Hamsho 18. Jorge Amparo 19. Troy Darrell 20. Tony Thornton.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. John Mugabi .... Uganda
2. Mike McCallum* .... New York, N.Y.
3. Buster Drayton*** .... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. Duane Thomas .... Detroit, Mich.
5. Matthew Hilton .... Canada
6. Donald Curry .... Ft. Worth, Texas
7. Carlos Santos .... Puerto Rico
8. Davey Moore .... Bronx, N.Y.
9. Julian Jackson .... Virgin Islands
10. Mark Medal .... Jersey City, N.J.

11. Steve Little 12. Darnell Knox 13. In-Chul Baek 14. Hugo Marinangeli 15. David Braxton 16. Said Skouma 17. Francisco DeJesus 18. Lupe Aquino 19. Chris Pyatt 20. Tony Montgomery.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN* ** *** .... England

1. Mark Breland .... New York, N.Y.
2. Maurice Blocker .... Washington, D.C.
3. Johnny Bumphus .... Clementon, N.J.
4. Marlon Starling .... Hartford, Conn.
5. Tommy Ayers .... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. Simon Brown .... Washington, D.C.
7. Tyrone Trice .... Detroit, Mich.
8. Luis Santana .... Hawthorne, Calif.
9. Gene Hatcher .... Ft. Worth, Texas
10. Colin Jones .... Wales

11. Jun-Sok Hwang 12. Sylvester Mittee 13. Seung-Soon Lee 14. Vincent Pettway 15. Horace Shufford 16. Manning Galloway 17. John Munduga 18. Harold Volbrecht 19. Kirkland Laing 20. Lorenzo Garcia.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Patrizio Oliva* .... Italy
2. Tsuyoshi Hamada** .... Japan
3. Frankie Warren .... Corpus Christi, Texas
4. Rene Arredondo .... Mexico
5. Joe Louis Manley*** .... Atlantic City, N.J.
6. Lonnie Smith .... Denver, Colo.
7. Terry Marsh .... England
8. Ronnie Shields .... Port Arthur, Texas
9. Gary Hinton .... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez .... Mexico

11. Harold Brazier 12. James (Buddy) McGirt 13. Ubaldo Sacco 14. Howard Davis, Jr. 15. Juan M. Coggi 16. Tony McKenzie 17. John Montes 18. John Meekins 19. Reyes Cruz 20. Kyung-Duk Ahn.

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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Edwin Rosario* .... Puerto Rico
2. Hector Camacho** .... New York, N.Y.
3. Jimmy Paul*** .... Detroit, Mich.
4. Livingstone Bramble .... Passaic, N.J.
5. Darryl Tyson .... Washington, D.C.
6. Jose Luis Ramirez .... Mexico
7. Terrence Alli .... New York, N.Y.
8. Meldrick Taylor .... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. Pernell Whitaker .... Norfolk, Va.
10. Cornelius Boza-Edwards .... Uganda

11. Tyrone Crawley 12. Joey Olivera 13. Roger Mayweather 14. Frankie Randall 15. Greg Haugen 16. Vinnie Pazienza 17. Fred Pendleton 18. Cubanito Perez 19. Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan 20. Miguel Santana.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BRIAN MITCHELL* .... South Africa

1. Julio Cesar Chavez** .... Mexico
2. Barry Michael*** .... Australia
3. Juan LaPorte .... Puerto Rico
4. Rocky Lockridge .... Maple Shade, N.J.
5. Alfredo Layne .... Panama
6. Mario Martinez .... Mexico
7. Johnny de la Rosa .... Detroit, Mich.
8. Dwight Pratchett .... Gary, Ind.
9. Edgar Castro .... Venezuela
10. Francisco Tomas Cruz .... Brazil

11. Lester Ellis 12. Kenny Baysmore 13. Mario Miranda 14. Najib Daho 15. Eusebio Pedroza 16. Jean-Marc Renard 17. John Sichula 18. Oscar Bejines 19. Rafael Solis 20. Raphe Sims.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

STEVE CRUZ* .... Ft. Worth, Texas

1. Azumah Nelson** .... Ghana
2. Barry McGuigan .... Ireland
3. Antonio Rivera*** .... Puerto Rico
4. Marcos Villasana .... Mexico
5. Calvin Grove .... Pottstown, Pa.
6. Bernard Taylor .... Knoxville, Tenn.
7. Jackie Beard .... Detroit, Mich.
8. Jose Marmolejo .... Panama
9. Ki-Yung Chung .... Korea
10. Antonio Esparragoza .... Venezuela

11. Min-Keun Oh 12. Refugio Rojas 13. Joe Ruelas 14. Jose Mario Lopez 15. George Navarro 16. Tyrone Jackson 17. Javier Marquez 18. Lupe Suarez 19. Hector Lopez 20. Robert Rivera.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. Victor Callejas* .... Puerto Rico
2. Samart Payakaroon** .... Thailand
3. Juan (Kid) Meza .... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Loris Stecca .... Italy
5. Jaime Garza .... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Harold Petty .... Fort Worth, Texas
7. James Pipps .... Vidor, Texas
8. Mike Ayala .... San Antonio, Texas
9. Julian Solis .... Puerto Rico
10. Ramon Dominguez .... Argentina

11. Tommy Valoy 12. Ji-Won Kim*** 13. Daniel Blanco 14. Louie Espinoza 15. Prayurasak Muangsurin 16. George Garcia 17. Seung-Hoon Lee 18. Jesse Benavides 19. Yun-Kap Choi 20. Valerio Nati.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BERNARDO PINANGO* .... Venezuela

1. Miguel Lora** .... Colombia
2. Kaosai Galaxy .... Thailand
3. Gilberto Roman .... Mexico
4. Jiro Watanabe .... Japan
5. Jeff Fenech*** .... Australia
6. Gaby Canizales .... Laredo, Texas
7. Greg Richardson .... Youngstown, Ohio
8. Albert Davila .... Mexico
9. Kelvin Seabrooks .... Charlotte, N.C.
10. Daniel Zaragoza .... Mexico

11. Frankie Duarte 12. Elly Pical 13. Santos Laciar 14. Sugar Ray Rojas 15. Hurley Snead 16. Antonio Avelar 17. Wilfredo Vasquez 18. Freddie Jackson 19. Azael Moran 20. Edgar Monserrat.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** .... Thailand

1. Jung-Koo Chang .... Korea
2. Hilario Zapata* .... Panama
3. Myung-Woo Yuh .... Korea
4. Paul Gonzales .... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. Gabriel Bernal .... Mexico
6. Hi-Sup Shin*** .... Korea
7. Joey Olivo .... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Isidro Perez .... Mexico
9. Benedicto Murillo .... Panama
10. Alberto Castro .... Colombia

11. Jorge Cano 12. Dodie Penalosa 13. Javier Lucas 14. Rafael Caban 15. Jose DeJesus 16. Fidel Bassa 17. Duke McKenzie 18. Rae-Ki Ahn 19 Rafael Cabrera 20. Francisco Montiel.

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many unanswered questions to consider him a serious threat to Tyson's dominance.

So, who's left?

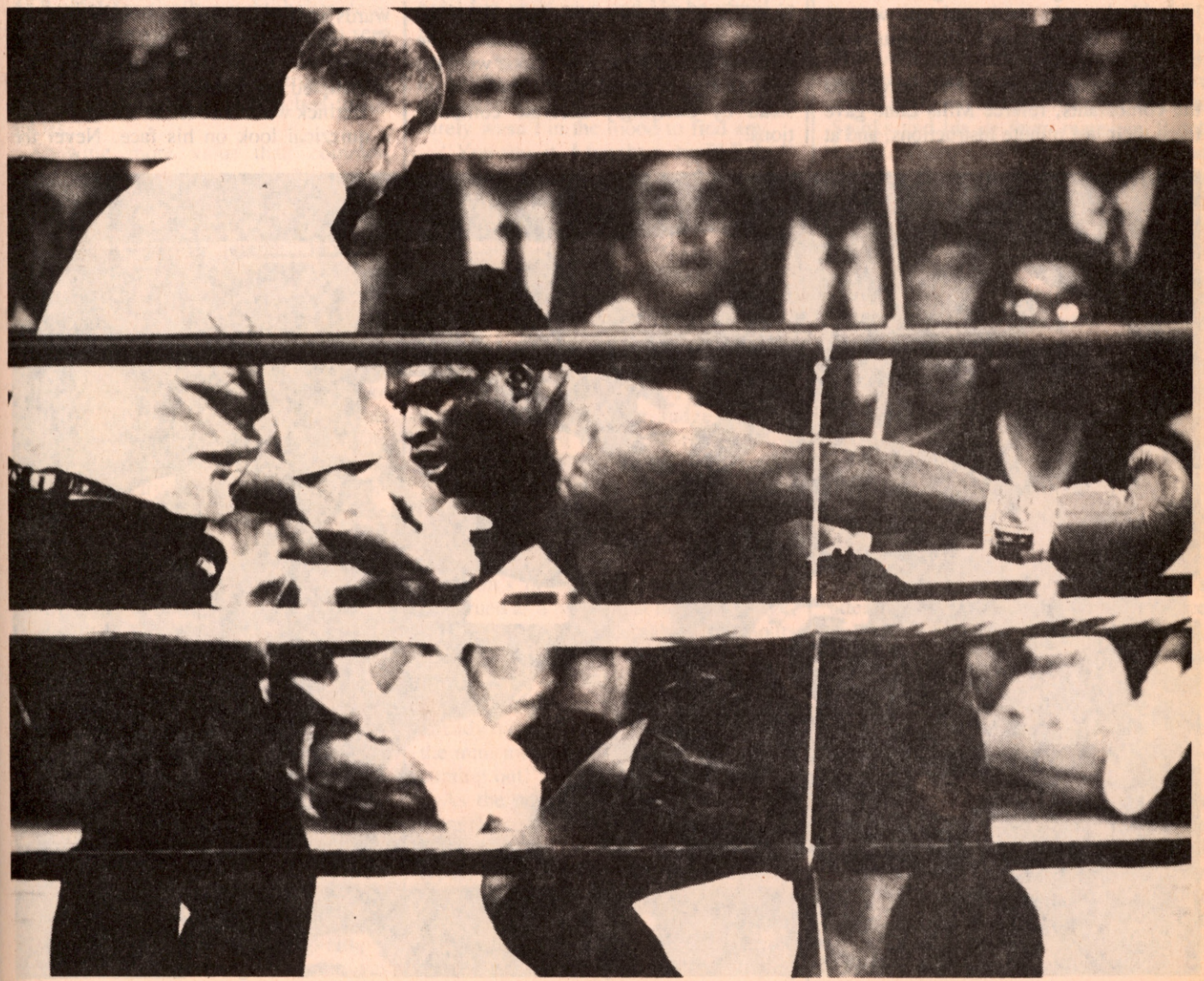
Well, there's former WBC boss Pinklon Thomas, currently on the comeback trail. But nobody who saw his listless win over William Hosea (a one-round Tyson victim) on the Tyson-Berbick undercard would pay to see the match. Pinklon has a pretty left jab, but it is highly unlikely it would be enough to bother the rampaging Tyson.

Of course, any of the above would have been regarded as a serious test for Tyson before the Berbick fight. Surprisingly enough—in light of the eventual outcome—as the countdown to fight time approached, the odds in Tyson's favor narrowed from 5-1 to 3-1. As is often the case, when so-called experts waver (the sportscaster on one local Vegas TV station picked Berbick), "wise guys" hedge their bets. The one person who never had the slightest doubt of the outcome was Tyson. In fact, his "incredible calm" was a "little disquieting" to co-manager Jim Jacobs.

As expected, Tyson attacked immediately, throwing himself into the fray with vehemence. It was, however, a more controlled fury than Mike had displayed in the past.

"Mike asked me if I was nervous before the fight," reported Jacobs. "He said not to worry, it's not unusual to be nervous before a world title fight."

The near-capacity crowd of 8,743 at the posh Hilton Center was star-studded with celebrities from all walks of public life. High-priced ticket-holders rubbed elbows with the likes of Kirk Douglas and Mr. T, while those in the bleachers craned their necks to catch a glimpse of fistic nobility ranging from Muhammad Ali to Hector Camacho (the only fighter who drew boos when introduced). Such distractions were essential during the quintessential Don



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Berbick flounders from one side of the ring to the other in a vain attempt to regain his balance following Tyson's tremendous left hook to the temple.

King undercard—a travesty that threatened to set a new standard for diabolical matchmaking.

The challenger made his entrance first, ducking between the ropes as the crowd roared its approval. For the first time in his career, Tyson was not completely bare chested. He wore a towel over the upper portion of his torso, but remained faithful to his trademark no-socks look. Mike wore black trunks in defiance of the Nevada commission, which upheld the champion's prerogative to pick the color of his trunks. Berbick chose black in an attempt at one-ups-manship, but Tyson accepted a $5,000 fine and wore black anyway.

Though Tyson was obviously the fans' favorite, Berbick also had support, and a smattering of yellow and green Jamaican flags could be seen waving bravely throughout the arena as Trevor made his way to the ring. His incongruous, calf-high black socks prompted one wag to note that "between them, there was not a decent pair of hose."

Ring announcer Chuck Hull introduced the combatants, referee Mills Lane gave them their last minute instructions, and at the sound of the first bell, the fight was on.

If there are still some who doubt Tyson's authenticity, they belong among those who believe the world is flat and the moon made of green cheese.

As expected, Tyson attacked immediately, throwing himself into the fray with vehemence. It was, however, a more controlled fury than Mike had displayed in the past. He seemed to have achieved a new level of discipline at exactly the moment he needed it most. Gone were the wild swings of earlier bouts, replaced instead by unerringly accurate combinations.

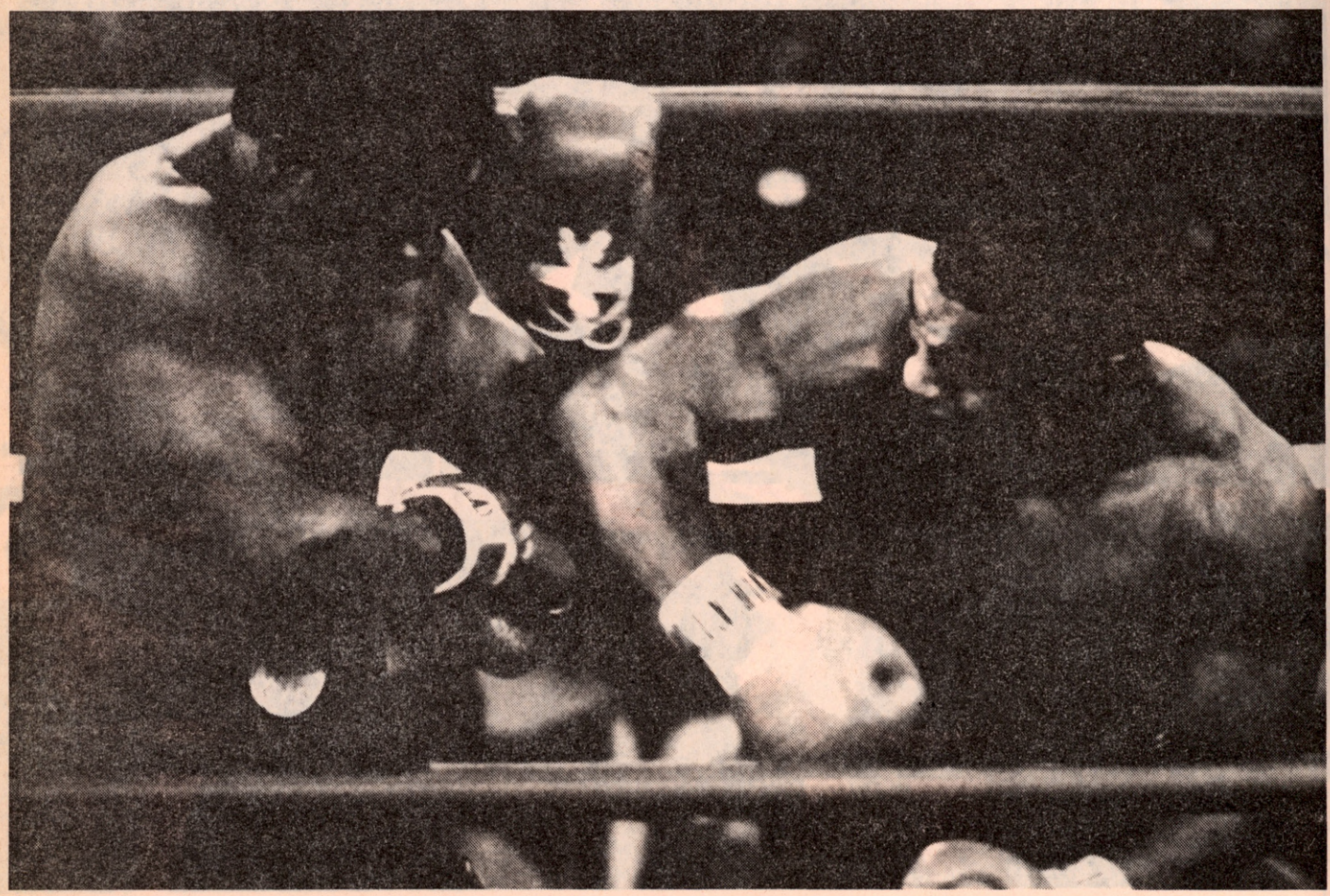
The scheduled 12-rounder was only seconds old when Tyson, 221¼, connected with his first punch. His handspeed was astonishing for a man his size, and he had little trouble beating the taller Berbick to the punch.

"People talk about Mike's punching power," observed Jacobs. "But it's his speed. Nobody ever sees the punch (coming)."

At first, Berbick, a well-conditioned 218½, seemed to absorb Tyson's bombs well. There was even brief cause for hope among his followers when he caught Tyson with a clubbing right to the head. But the rally was short lived. After a quick clinch, Tyson resumed control, scourging Trevor with a vicious assortment of jabs, rights, and left hooks to the head.

As the first round drew to a close, Tyson connected with a short left hook to the head that sent Trevor stumbling backwards across the ring in obvious distress. The challenger was still dishing out punishment when the round-ending bell interrupted his assault.

Berbick wobbled back to his corner with a quizzical look on his face. Never the



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More toe-to-toe action from Mike Tyson's second round TKO over Trevor Berbick for the WBC heavyweight crown. Tyson had no trouble connecting with both hands during his brutal victory.

most mobile of heavyweights, he had opted to slug it out with Tyson, a decision he would later regret.

"I made a silly mistake," confessed Berbick. "I tried to prove my manhood with him in the early rounds."

Unfortunately for Berbick, there were to be no later rounds in which to make amends for his rocky start. Tyson had been training for this fight for most of his life and had vowed to leave the ring either champion or dead.

"I refuse to get hurt. I refuse to get knocked down. I refuse to lose," he declared. "I refuse to leave the ring alive without that belt."

Against such fanatical determination, Berbick was practically helpless. In the second, Tyson immediately picked up where he had left off the previous round, hammering the rapidly fading champion with a series of searing rights to the head. As Berbick frantically sought shelter along the ropes, a particularly savage right sent him crashing to the canvas like a man whose legs had been jerked from under him by an invisible rope attached to his ankles.

Showing more valor than common sense, Trevor quickly scrambled to his feet by the count of three. As Lane administered the mandatory eight-count, Berbick stared blankly into the referee's face, the picture of a wounded animal awaiting the hunter's final bullet.

Tyson displayed remarkable control going into the finisher. Instead of struggling for punching room when Berbick wrapped him in a series of bearhugs, Mike patiently waited for the referee to do his job. Then, with his hands free again, he lashed out with deadly concentration, nailing his adversary with the kind of combinations unseen since Joe Louis ruled the heavyweight domain.

"I was throwing, what can you say, hydrogen bombs," said Tyson. "Every punch with murderous intentions."

Then it happened!

Tyson sank a right into Berbick's kidney and followed with an economical left hook that caught Berbick high on the temple, just in back of his ear. There was a split second pause while the shock wave travelled from Trevor's cerebrum to his legs, then, the circuit complete, he toppled over onto his back.

There followed a tragic/comic tableau that bore testimony not only to Tyson's punching power, but to Berbick's courage. The stricken champion knew he had to try to regain his feet, but his legs simply wouldn't obey the message his brain was sending them. On his first attempt to rise, he flopped over sideways and fell partially through the ropes. He tried again and floundered grotesquely in the opposite direction, finally coming to rest in the arms of Mills Lane, who stopped the fight 2:35 into the second round.

Flush with victory, Tyson was quick to pay tribute to the late Cus D'Amato, who rescued him from reform school and molded him into the kind of fighter capable of winning the heavyweight championship after only a 20-month pro apprenticeship.

"Without Cus, this never could have happened," said Tyson.

When someone wanted to know what D'Amato, who maintained Mike was a future champion from the beginning of their relationship, might have said had he lived to see his prophecy fulfilled, Mike replied: "He'd be downstairs making my breakfast as always and I'd be afraid to go down, for all the criticism."

We will never know what faults D'Amato might have found with Tyson's title-winning performance, but Berbick surely wasn't in the mood to find any.

"You saw it. I fought a stupid fight," said Berbick. "He's a very hard, very sharp puncher. I never saw the punch that put me down. I think he has a very good chance to be the undisputed champion."

To his credit, Berbick did not use his legal problems as an excuse. On the Tuesday before the fight, Trevor and his lawyers spent five hours in court seeking to forestall a Nevada judge from attaching $495,000 of his $2.1 million purse. After several days of wrangling, Judge Dell Guy ordered the writ of attachment, but also ordered the plaintiff, promoter Thomas Pendergast of Texas, to put up a bond covering the same amount until another hearing could be held to settle the measure.

Tyson's problem, if indeed it can be construed as a problem at this early stage, is of a different sort. Less than three hours after his triumph over Berbick, fans were lined up 20 deep at the door of Mike's invitation-only victory party. Security was already having great difficulty controlling the mini-mob when a cry went up: "He's coming out!"

As the new WBC champion emerged from the celebration, he was immediately surrounded by well-wishers and media types. Mike squinted in the blinding glare of the television lights as a reporter shoved a microphone in his face. Two burly companions did their best to protect him from the crush of humanity, but it took a flying wedge of hotel security guards to guide him to safety.

At this juncture, there doesn't seem to be a heavyweight around capable of defeating Tyson in the ring. But from now on, fighting will probably be the easiest part of Mike's life. Fame has ruined more than one fighter. Some cynics, desperate for a pessimistic angle, hint it might be Tyson's downfall. But Mike certainly doesn't think so.

"I'm the youngest heavyweight champion and I'm going to be the oldest," said Tyson. □

Will Spinks Bolt HBO's Unification Series?

PERHAPS THE MOST INTERESTED OBservers at the Tyson-Berbick massacre were IBF heavyweight champion Michael Spinks and his *de facto* manager, Butch Lewis. There's no way they liked what they saw. Tyson's victory was so devastating, many insiders figure Spinks and Lewis will desert HBO's heavyweight unification series in favor of an easier assignment against Gerry Cooney.

"The one negative thing about Tyson's victory is I'm pretty sure that he's going to drive Spinks from the series," said Seth Abrahams, executive vice-president of HBO Sports, in an interview published in the *New York Post*. "If we can finish this, I'm going to throw our hat in to see what we can do with the *contras*."

Spinks' contract with HBO allows him to take a fight outside of the series as long as his opponent agrees to replace him in the tournament. But one of the main reasons Cooney was not a part of HBO's attempt to unify the title in the first place is that his manager, Dennis Rappaport, was reluctant to obligate Gerry to a series of matches.

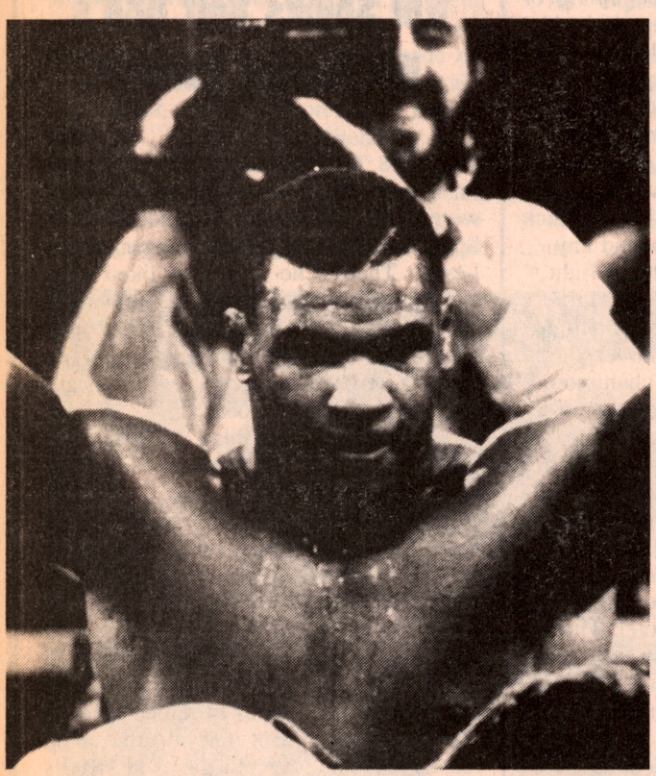
If Spinks does bolt, it will mean a prolonged court battle that could make the action inside the ring seem tame by comparison.

Naturally, *The Ring* hopes Spinks stays and honors his contract. Boxing needs an undisputed heavyweight champion. And who's to say Spinks would automatically lose to Tyson? It wasn't that long ago that practically everyone was saying he didn't have a chance against Larry Holmes. □

—Nigel Collins

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



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Mike Tyson celebrates his two round TKO victory over Trevor Berbick for the WBC heavyweight title in Las Vegas. The sensational win also earned Tyson THE RING's Fighter of the Month award.

Mike Tyson's second round TKO over Trevor Berbick for the WBC heavyweight title overshadowed every other result to take this month's Fighter of the Month award hands down. Tyson not only won, he did so in a dramatically impressive manner, disposing of the defending champion with frightening ease. What more could you ask for?

Runner-up spot goes to **Harold Brazier** for his 10th round TKO over Brian Baronet for the vacant NABF junior welterweight belt in Atlantic City. Baronet had beaten Brazier several years ago in South Africa, but this time, Harold handed Brian a beating. **Miguel (Happy) Lora** wins honorable mention for defending his WBC bantamweight crown over former champion Albert Davila via a unanimous 12-round decision before a huge crowd of over 50,000 fans in Barranquilla, Colombia. □

THOMAS-HOSEA

LAS VEGAS, NEV.— Former WBC heavyweight champion Pinklon Thomas tallied his second comeback win since losing the title to Trevor Berbick by stopping mismatched William Hosea in the seventh round of a scheduled 10 on the Tyson-Berbick undercard at the Hilton Center.

Thomas, now separated from his wife and living in Puerto Rico, seemed to be merely going through the motions. He landed his left jab practically at will, but, despite winning every round Pinklon was huffing and puffing at the conclusion.

Hosea, 204½, Champaign, Ill., lasted less than a round with Mike Tyson earlier this year. All he showed against Thomas was heart. The loser soaked up everything Thomas offered without going down, but was never really in the fight with a chance to win.

Referee Carlos Padilla terminated matters 1:10 into the seventh when one of Hosea's cornermen climbed onto the ring apron and waved his arms in surrender. It was a match that never should have been sanctioned by the Nevada Athletic Commission in the first place.

Thomas, 218½, raised his record to 28-1-1 with 23 kayoes. He will have to show a lot more than he did against Hosea if he wants another crack at the title. But with Tyson currently wearing Pinklon's old belt, maybe he's not that hot to trot, anyway.

Former WBA heavyweight champion Greg Page, 229½, kept his sagging career alive with a TKO over Jerry (Wimpy) Halstead, 211¼, Oklahoma City, at 2:38 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Halstead gave it a good try, but was outclassed and taking stick at the end. Page is now 25-6 with 19 kayoes. Halstead, who paid three visits to the canvas during the bout, slipped to 38-5-1 (28 kayoes). Richard Steele, referee.

Matthew Hilton, 157, Montreal, stayed unbeaten with a TKO over Franklin Owens, 158, Oklahoma City, 1:23 into the second round of another scheduled 10. A crushing left hook put Owens on the deck shortly before referee Davey Pearl called a halt. Hilton is now 24-0 with 19 kayoes.

Lee Canalito, 244, Los Angeles, TKO'd hapless Dan Ramsey, 215, Tuscon, Ariz., 2:13 into the opening round of a scheduled eight to raise his record to 20-0 with 18 kayoes. Richard Steele, referee.

Gary Lightbourne, 219½, Oceanside, New York, TKO'd old-timer Ivy Brown, 228, Kansas City, 1:08 into the third round of a scheduled six. Richard Steele, referee.

Engeles Pedroza, 138½, Los Angeles, scored two knockdowns en route to a TKO over Danny Hernandez, 134½, Phoenix, Ariz., 2:04 into the second round of a scheduled four.

Beto Amaguer, 117½, Tuscon, won a unanimous decision over Juan Sanchez, 116¾, Los Angeles, four.

Title fight judges — Harry Gibs, Rudy Ortega, Dave Moretti.

Promoter — Dynamic Duo (Don King & Butch Lewis).

Attendance — 8,743. Live Gate — $2.3 million.

(11-22-86)

NIGEL COLLINS

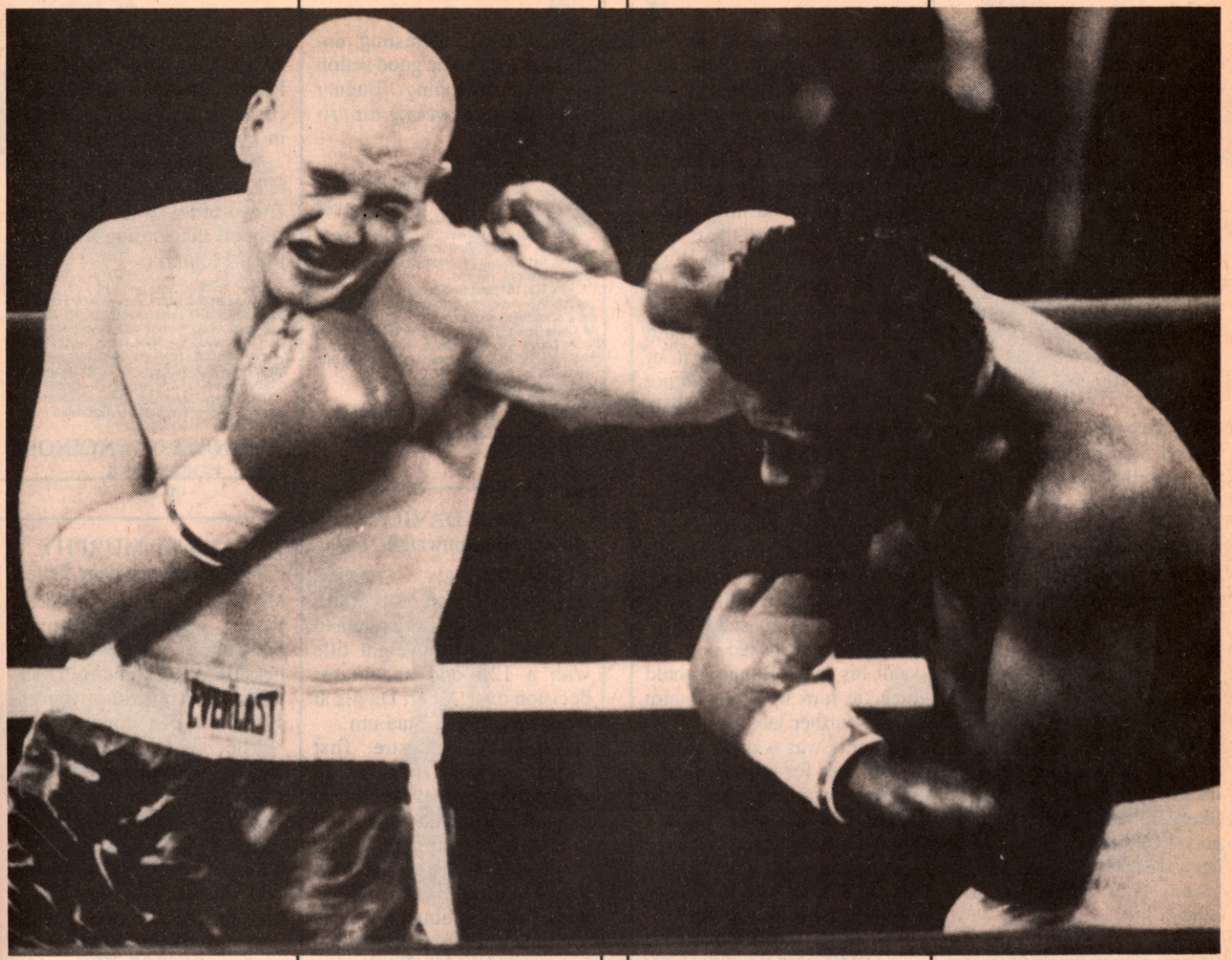
PINANGO-SKOSANA

World Bantamweight Title

JOHANNESBURG, S.A.— Bernardo Pinango, 118, Venezuela, retained his World Boxing Association bantamweight crown with a dramatic 15th round knockout over South African challenger Simon Skosana, 114¾.

In a bloody battle, the courageous Skosana, his face masked with blood from round eight onwards, came very close to snatching the title from the champion.

There was not much difference in the contest after 14 rounds, but a smashing left from Pinango had the challenger reeling against the ropes, out on his feet, in the final session.



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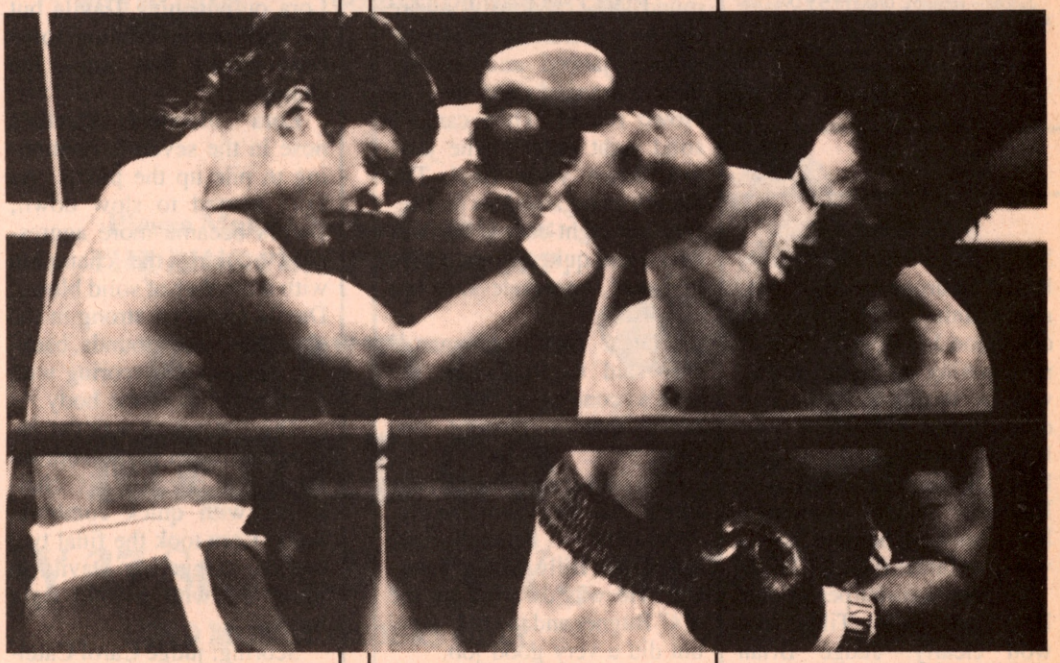
Former WBA heavyweight champion Greg Page (right) tallied a much-needed win, stopping Jerry "Wimpy" Halstead in the eighth round on the Tyson-Berbick undercard.



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In another preliminary on the Tyson-Berbick card, undefeated heavyweight Lee Canalito (right) had an easy win over Don Ramsey, scoring a first-round TKO.

Referee Uriel Aquilera of Colombia almost stopped the contest then and there, but Dr. Izak Labuschagne, the official WBA physician, stepped into the ring and told him that the bout could continue. The champion then raced in and landed an explosive left that sent Skosana to the canvas.

The fight started quietly, but came alive in round seven, when Skosana sent Pinango to the canvas and then, seconds later, was knocked down himself.

A sharp right opened a bad cut on Skosana's left eye in the eighth round, and his corner failed to stop the flow of blood. The champ was continually warned for low blows, and landed a fair number of them during the bout — without being penalized.

The South African should never have opted to mix it with the well built champion, but that is what he chose to do, and the damage done on the inside led to his downfall. Skosana, nonetheless, must get a "C" for courage, having been weakened by the loss of blood and numerous low blows.

Judges — Nicasio L. Drake (U.S.), Ove Oveson (Denmark), Marcos Torres (Panama).
Timekeeper — Blackie Swart.
Ringside Announcer — Roy Van Der Spuy.
Attendance — 7,000 (estimate).
(11-22-86)

RON JACKSON

BUGNER-BEY

SYDNEY, N.S.W. — British, European, and Commonwealth heavyweight champion Joe Bugner, 249½, now boxing out of Australia, won a unanimous decision over former world title challenger David Bey, 243½, Philadelphia, 10. This was Bugner's second comeback bout, his first being a points win over James (Quick) Tillis.

Bugner was sharper against Bey than against Tillis, and won clearly. Judge Brian McMahon scored it 99-94, judge John Wright 97-94, and judge John Cauchi 100-94. *The Ring* card agreed with that of judge McMahon. All the ringside press had Bugner winning, but Bey's manager, Rob Russen, and his trainer, Leon Tabbs, said their man had been robbed.

It Bey beat Bugner, Burns beat Johnson back in 1908!

Bugner won because his left was far superior to that of Bey's and because he did not allow Bey to assault him. In short, he outboxed the American — completely.

In the first round, Bugner scored with nine consecutive straight lefts before Bey could land one punch. Bugner's left was scarcely out of Bey's face during the entire fight — except when Bey got sick of copping jabs and rushed in to assault his man. Bugner would then tie him up and set him up for further jabs.

Bugner was warned two or three times for infringements, the first warning coming in round two when he hit Bey behind the head. Bugner apologized to Bey and to the ref. The other warnings were comparatively minor.

Bey came out fiercely in round 10, obviously aware that he was trailing on points. Bugner jabbed and moved, then exchanged punches. The crowd roared. Then came a solid right hand to the jaw, and down went Bey! The American regained his feet before the eight-count, but was dazed and quite unsteady. He managed, nonetheless, to last the distance.

"Great fight, old man," Bey said to Bugner at the bout's conclusion. "You're better than I thought you were."

The fifth round was the only frame that Bey won clearly. Australian bantamweight champion Billy Males refereed. He was dwarfed by the 6'4" Bugner and the 6'1" Bey, but did a very good job.

It was an interesting encounter with some good action and hard punching. Bugner certainly is answering his critics.

Tony Fulilangi, 212½, Tonga, stopped an American named Lucius Kerkley, 286½, with a solid punch in the gut in round four of their scheduled 10. Brian McMahon, referee.
Australian cruiserweight champion Kevin Wagstaff, 187¾, halted Johnny Taupau, 184, in the sixth round of another scheduled 10. Johnny Wright, referee.
Alex Tui, 161, stopped Johnny Chotka, 164, an islander making a comeback, in round two of a scheduled six. John Cauchi, referee.
Chris Dawe, 133½, won by a disqualification over David Stevens, 134½, in round four of their scheduled six. Referee Cauchi ruled Stevens out for butting.
Attendance — 6,000 (estimate).
(11-14-86)

RAY MITCHELL

LORA-DAVILA

WBC Bantamweight Title

BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA—Colombian flash Miguel (Happy) Lora retained his WBC bantamweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Albert Davila at the Metropolitan Stadium.

After a lacklustre first round, Lora began piling up the points with clever counterpunching. Davila pressured him with a body attack, but the Colombian rooster took the second and third stanzas with fast combinations. The fourth round was even, with Lora outpunching Davila but the Californian landing some crisp hooks that stung the champ.

Lora bloodied Davila's nose in the seventh, continuing to pile up the points. As Lora started to slow down, Davila became more aggressive, rocking the champion with a number of solid blows. Davila appeared strong in the eighth and ninth rounds, backing Lora up and scoring with good punches to the body.

The champion was cut inside the mouth in the 10th inning, but dazzled his challenger with quick combinations. Lora took the final two rounds, staggering Davila in round 11 with a solid right hand.

Scoring: judge Carol Catellano (U.S.), 117-111; judges Angel Luis Guzman (Puerto Rico) and Newton Campos (Brazil), both 118-112 — all in favor of Lora.

The fight was nationally televised in Colombia, but a crowd of 50,000 turned out to support the smiling champion from Monteria.

World rated bantam Sugar Baby Rojas outscored Florida's Jesse Williams, 10. Williams had outpointed former WBC flyweight champion Prudencio Cardona in his last outing.
Juan Carlos Jimenez and Pompello Salgado drew, 10, middles. Mexican Sergio Sanchez in three.
Dominican flyweight Miguel Mercedes stopped Alvaro Mercado of Colombia in two.
(11-15-86)

ENRIQUE G. ENCINOSA

PARKEY-MURPHY

IBF Cruiserweight Title

MARSALY, SICILY—RICKY Parkey won the Int. Boxing Federation cruiserweight title by stopping defending champion Lee Roy Murphy in the 10th round of a scheduled 15.

The 30-year-old Parkey caught the slower Murphy with overhand rights and winging left hooks from the opening bell. A looping left hook shook Lee Roy in the first round, forcing him to grab for the top rope. The defending champion backed up against the ropes in the third inning in an effort to draw Parkey on to a counter. It simply did not work.

Murphy was down in round seven from a long, looping right to the head, but seemed to be coming back into the fight in the ninth session. Then came the fatal 10th.

Parkey caught his man with a big overhand right early in the round and followed up with both hands. Another right over the top of a weak Murphy jab sent Lee Roy down on his haunches. He was up at six, but a follow-up onslaught sent him through the ropes onto the ring apron, and referee Frank Cappuccino stopped the contest without bothering to count.

(10-25-86)

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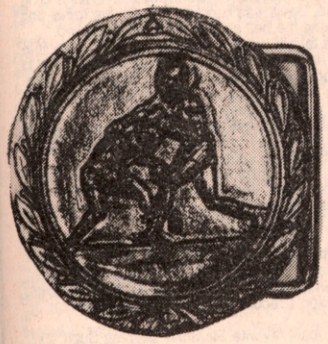

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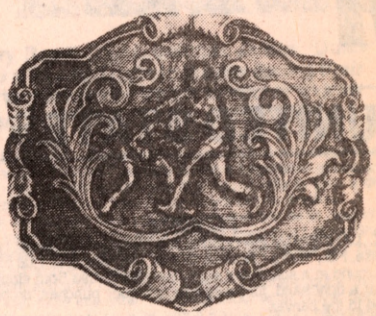

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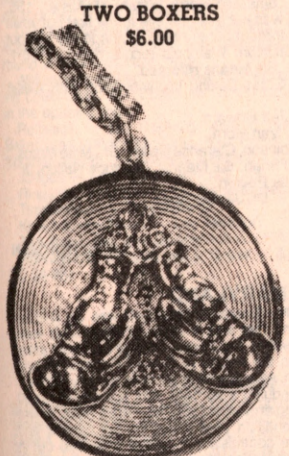

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

FLORIDA

▶**FT. LAUDERDALE—Holiday Inn West**—Alex Medel, 144, Sunrise, Fla., TKO'd Cornelius Drane, 145, Miami, at 1:08 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Referee Bernie Soto stopped it after a right hand, following effective body punches, dropped Drane to the canvas.

Jimmy Navarro, 120, Miami, kayoed Joseph Paul, 122, Homestead, Fla., in 0:50 of the first round in their scheduled eight. Navarro is now 14-1.

Raul Diaz, 116, Colombia, floored Don Brockington, 115, West Palm Beach, three times for a TKO at 1:04 of the third round in another scheduled eight.

James Warring, 194, Miami, TKO'd Eric Dixon, 195, Tampa, in still another scheduled eight. Warring closed Dixon's left eye with effective combos in the second, and referee Bill Conners stopped it after the round ended.

Ivan Gonzalez, 140, Miami, TKO'd Dennis Green, 141, Homestead, at 1:07 of the second round in a scheduled six. Bernie Soto, referee.

Freddie Sevilla, 118, Miami, TKO'd Armando Gonzalez, 119, at 2:23 of the third round in a scheduled four.

David Butler, 175, Miami, TKO'd Terry Cunningham, also 175, Miami, at 1:52 of the fourth and final round.

Laura and E.P. Promotions.
Matchmaker — Al Bonannis.
Attendance — 700 (estimated).
(10-24-86)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▶**HONOLULU, OAHU—Blaisdell Center Arena**—Jesus Salud, 117, Nanakuli, won a unanimous (98-98, double 98-91) decision over Edel Geronimo, 117¾, Philippines, 10. Salud, now 21-1, looked quite impressive. Geronimo is 30-3-3.

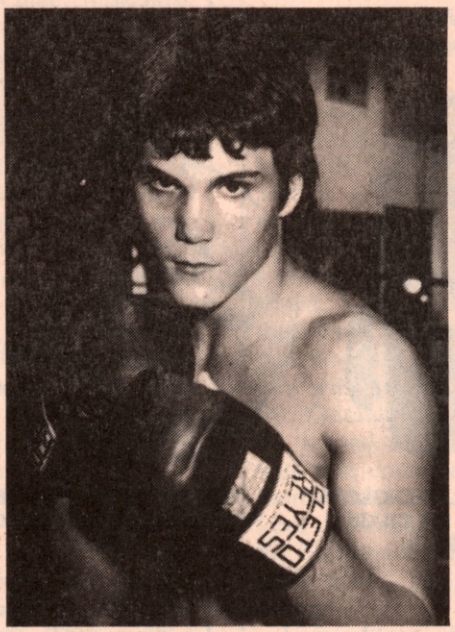
Dionicio Castillo, 142¾, Philippines, won a unanimous (98-90, 98-92, 98-93) decision over Larry Benson, 143, Honolulu, 10. Castillo is now 19-4-3. Benson, who could not get started, is 15-7.

Kenneth Torres, 135¾, Nanakuli, won a majority decision over Sugar Rey Adonis, 136¾, Philippines, six. Torres is now 5-1. Adonis is 18-5-1. This one was rough and dirty.

Allan Makitoki, 124, Philippines, won a unanimous decision over Cesar Zulueta, 122¼, Honolulu, six. Makitoki is now 45-10-2. Zulueta, who held all night and seemed "reluctant," is 8-13-1.

David Meadows, 151¾, Honolulu, won a majority decision over Chris Ulu, 150, Waianae, five. Meadows is now 15-8-1. Ulu is 5-6-1.

Referees — Manuel Tolentino, Milton Higa.
Judges — Bill Pacheco, Paul Kelly, Louis Race.
Timekeepers — Clarence Senarighi, Henry Perreira.
Ringside Physicians — Herbert Nam, Robert Maehara.
T.N.T. Productions, Inc.
Promoter — Ken Thompson.
Matchmaker — Tad Kawamura.
Attendance — 2,147. Gross — $17,182.50.
(11-18-86)



Darren Van Horn raised his pro record to 26-0 (18 kayoes) with a 10-round decision over veteran Sammy Floyd in Lexington.

KENTUCKY

▶**LEXINGTON—Rupp Arena**—Darren (Schoolboy) Van Horn, only a few days past his 18th birthday, and in his first 10-round bout before his home-town fans, convincingly displayed his considerable talents on a card nationally televised by USA cable, in an excellent match against crafty 35-year-old veteran Sam Floyd. The bout was the feature attraction of a fine card promoted by Darren's father, G.L. Van Horn, and was held before the largest boxing crowd, an estimated 1,800, to attend a night of boxing in Lexington in the recent past.

Young Van Horn was first scheduled to fight WBC super lightweight champion Bruce Curry in a 12-rounder for the Universal Boxing Association's junior-middleweight championship. Then, two days before the match and for reasons still unknown, Curry took a plane back home.

Enter always ready Louisvillian Sam Floyd, who had served as a coach for Darren earlier this year. Floyd, a former Mid-American Boxing Association champion, has met the best in the junior middleweight division in his 15 year career and knowledgeable fans realized that young Van Horn was in for a rough evening in the now rescheduled-for-10 non-title bout. And such it proved to be.

The pattern of the fight was set in the first round: Van Horn, 154, aggressively moving forward and Floyd 156, displaying excellent defensive skills and crisply counterpunching. Neither man was able to take charge and every round featured non-stop action and was closely contested. There were no knockdowns, a disappointment to the pro-Van Horn crowd, but those who expected more of the teenage sensation failed to take account of the quality of his opposition. It is very hard to do much against the overall skill and ring generalship of Sam Floyd. Floyd, too, can punch, and young Darren could not take too many liberties with his opponent.

In the end, it was the fact that Van Horn threw more punches than last-minute replacement Floyd, who was carefully pacing himself, which swayed the judges. The scores were 98-90, and 99-92. *The Ring* had it closer, but in fairness to the judges, it should be noted that every round was close.

It is doubtful if Curry would have provided stiffer opposition than old-pro Floyd, as the purplish bruises under Van Horn's eyes attested. Floyd, as usual, was unmarked. His record falls to 24-15-2 with 14 kayoes. Van Horn raised his record to 26-0 with 18 kayoes. One thing is clear: Young Van Horn met a major test and is now ready to go on to meet quality opposition. Terry O'Brien refereed.

In an exciting but one-sided fight, Keith (Machine) Stevenson, 132½, Tampa, Fla., destroyed Louisvillian James Anderson, 132, in a scheduled eight-round junior lightweight bout. Stevenson, a native of South Shore, Ky., who is ranked fourth by the NABF, launched a relentless attack on the game but overmatched Anderson, beating him down with a swarming body attack, then coming upstairs to the head.

Anderson was knocked down in the third with a hard left hook to the body, got up and bravely continued, only to be battered around until referee Bill Means administered a standing eight-count, which probably was the reason Anderson survived the round. Again in the fourth, Stevenson's body work sent Anderson down. He arose, tried to continue, only to be forced onto the ropes and further pounded. Referee Means correctly called it off at that point for a TKO at 1:35 of the fourth. Anderson's record falls to 6-2-1, Stevenson improves to 21-1 with 10 kayoes.

Paul McPeek, 160½, Ashland, Ky., brought his 6-0, five kayoes record in against Renny Davis, 161, Houma, La. The more experienced Davis' record was 10-5-1 with eight kayoes, and the fight was scheduled for six.

All of McPeek's kayoes have come in the first round — and he almost did it again, but referee Clarence Nailon, Jr. gave Davis a respite from McPeek's savage body attack via a standing eight-count. Even so, Davis was knocked through the ropes and onto the ring apron as the bell ending the round sounded.

In the 2nd, Davis fought better, landing some hard combinations on the overly-aggressive McPeek, though he continued to be banged to the body. At the beginning of the third the courageous Davis staged a minor rally as the crowd cheered his gameness. But McPeek was relentless, loading up on every punch and beating down his opponent with tremendous smashes to the body and then coming up to the head. Once again, Davis went down just as the round ended.

It was apparent that the fight would not last much longer; Davis had simply taken too much. And when Davis wilted once more under the terrible intensity of McPeek's attack, his corner properly threw in the towel. TKO at 2:59 of the fourth.

McPeek's record is now 7-0 with six kayoes, and the former junior olympic champion continues his gallop toward prospect status. Ricky Swindel, 175¼, Nashville, Tenn., upped his record 10-0 with a third round stoppage of overmatched Charles Dixon, 178, Houma, La. Dixon's record falls to 5-6. Charles Nailon, Jr. refereed.

In a tame match, local favorite Slammin' Sammy Scaff, 257, Flatwoods, Ky., improved his record to 23-8 by decisioning Art Terry, 220, Huntington, W. Va., six. Terry is now 3-1-1. Billy King refereed.

In a hard-fought four-round lightweight bout, Dwayne Watson, 135, Lebanon, Tenn., defeated Barry (Flash) McAlister, 135, Louisville, Ky. Watson was cut over the eye in the first but while bothered by the injury throughout the bout, managed to pull out a close unanimous decision. Watson's record rises to 5-0-1; McAlister's falls to 1-2. Bill Means refereed.

Promoters — Blue Grass Boxing in association with Alessi Promotions.
Ring Announcer — Jeff Howard.
Matchmaker — G.L. Van Horn.
Judges — Bobby Robinson, Clarence Nailon, Sr., Mike Morris.
Referees — Terry O'Brien, Bill Means, Clarence Nailon, Jr.
Timekeeper — James Peyton.
Ringside Physician — Dr. James Ross.
Attendance — 1,800.
(09-09-86)

JOEL ROITMAN

MARYLAND

▶**NEW CARROLLTON—Sheraton Hotel**—It was an ill-fated show from the start and that was a damn shame. Club level boxing was alive and well in the Prince George's County area, due in no small part to the efforts of Quality Promotions and matchmaker J.D. Brown. After this night, it hopefully may still be.

The start of the scheduled 8:30 card was put off nearly 90 minutes because the ring arrived not only late (truck broke down) but in very dubious condition (wet spots on the canvas and shrunken ropes). Three commission physicians walked out in protest over the ring's unsafe condition. One stayed and a second (minimum needed is two) was recruited out of the audience.

Better late than never, but late never even came for the top bouts on the card (Antonio DeBarros vs. Tim Davis and Eugene vs. Floyd Simmons, both scheduled for six) as a fight broke out (over the Johnson-Page decision) between two gentlemen. Chairs were tossed, and, when one accidently hit a woman bystander, a general riot broke out that worked its way around the ring. At first, the commission tried to restore order from the safety of mid-ring, but when they were ignored and chairs continued to fly, hotel security tossed a smoke grenade that made the alarms go off. Within minutes, police from what seemed every nearby locale arrived with clubs drawn and attack dogs at the ready. All ended rather meekly with one arrest and a few scalp wound treatments inflicted by the metal-legged chairs.

The contests:

Chuck Sturm, 141½, Baltimore, Md., TKO'd James Byrd, 143½, Baltimore, at 2:50 of round three in a scheduled six. There were no knockdowns, but the gutty Byrd held on as long as he could before referee Larry Barrett rescued him from further punishment.

The next three bouts ended up as four-round unanimous decisions.

In a fine matchup of debuting boxers, Greg Smith, 133, Alexandria, Va., beat Tony Spates, 132½, Washington, D.C. Frank Kelly, referee.

Charles Ingram, 162½, D.C., made a successful debut by defeating Donald Crudup, 164, Baltimore. A good action bout refereed by Terry Moore.

Southpaw Tim Johnson, 134, D.C., used quick feet and an awkward in-and-out rubber band style to confuse comebacking Scott Page, 134, Hillcrest Heights, Md. This one had the audience jumping. Harry Cecchini, referee.

Timekeeper—Izzy Bach.
Ring announcer—Tony Balboni.
Quality Promotions.
Matchmaker—J.D. Brown.
Paid Attendance—423 (All tickets $15.00).
(11-03-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

MASSACHUSETTS

▶LOWELL—Auditorium—ESPN's second card in three months here was an artistic success but a disappointment at the gate, with only 1,000 fans turning out — roughly one-third of capacity.

In the 10-round main event, youngster David Rivello, 131, Attleboro, won a majority decision over veteran Freddie Roach, 132, Dedham. Immediately after the bout, Roach announced his retirement after a 53-fight career. Roach started slowly and never got untracked. Rivello was the aggressor throughout, with a potent left hook that Roach never solved. At times Rivello threw wildly, leaving h imself open with wide misses, but Roach couldn't counter effectively. Rivello's quickness afoot and boundless energy covered his mistakes and kept Roach continually frustrated. Roach did rally over the last half of the fight, and a nasty cut, from a butt, over Rivello's left eye added some suspense. Rivello, however, maintained his poise to the end. Referee Bill Connelly scored ti 98-95, judge Vincent Lee 98-93, and judge Dan Mullen 96-96. Rivello, in his first 10-rounder, improved to 10-0. Roach retired with a mark of 39-13-1 with 14 knockouts.

A co-feature, slated for 10 rounds, saw local hero Mickey Ward, 140, Lowell, slug it out with Carlos Brandi, 141, Santa Rosa, Argentina. Ward calmly withstood Brandi's left hooking attack and then dropped him with a precise counter left just before the bell ending round one. Brandi's charging style got him in more trouble in the second frame, with Ward's right hand smashing his nose and staggering him early. A Ward right that Brandi ran into put him down briefly midway through the round and long Ward barrage culminated in a textbook left hook that floored Brandi for keeps in 2:55. Ward is now 11-0, with eight kayoes. Brandi is 10-1-1.

Harold (Bubba) Souther, 157, Newburyport, boxed his way to a six-round decision over rugged but slow Doug Mallett, 160, Providence. Dr. Terry Christle, 161, Brockton, hammered hapless Jimmy Baker 163, Indianapolis, all through their scheduled six-rounder, finally stopping him at 2:18 of the fifth.

Debuting Stevie Collins, 161, Brockton, was raw but effective in stopping Julio Mercado, 160, Dorchester, at 1:55 of the third round in their scheduled four.

William Maldonado, 128, New York wasted no time in dispatching Louis Ortiz, 131, Lowell, in just 50 seconds of the first frame in the opening four.

Referees — Bill Connelly worked Rivello-Roach, Christle-Baker, and Maldonado-Ortiz. Nick Previti worked Ward-Brandi, Souther-Mallett, and Collins-Mercado.

Judges — Dan Mullen, Vincent Lee.
Ringside Physician — Dr. Rene Barrette
Timekeeper — Jerry Albano.
Knockdowns Timer — Lee Meador.
Top Rank, Inc. and Goodwin A.C. (Al Valenti)
Attendance — 1,000 (est.). Gross — $15,000 (est.).
(10-24-86)

JAY N. MILLER

MICHIGAN

▶DETROIT—Cobo Arena—Tuning up for a vacant NABF welterweight title fight next month, Tyrone (The Butterfly) Trice, 148, Detroit, had little trouble routing Dennis Johnson, 148, Baton Rouge, La., stopping him at 2:17 of the eighth via a knockout. Trice, 25-1, knocked Johnson down with rights once in the fourth and twice in the eighth. An uncalled for move occurred after the second eighth round knockdown, when Trice kneed Johnson in the face as he knelt before him. A point was removed from Trice on the scorecards, but it made little difference, as Johnson failed to answer the count. Scheduled 10; Tom Briscoe, referee.

Returning to the ring after over a year's lay-off due to management problems was last year's ESPN junior middleweight champion and current Michigan junior middleweight champ Darnell Knox, 161¼, Highland Park, Mich. Sheading his former nickname, "The Highland Park Hammer," and wearing his new one on his new Kronk trunks, "Hard" Knox improved his record to 21-1 with a one-sided boxing lesson to Cecil Pettigrew, 159½, Tulsa, Ok. The judges had it onesidedly in favor of Knox with scores of 100-90, 100-90, and 99-91. Sam Williams, referee.

In a third scheduled ten-rounder Bret Summers, 141¾, Everett, Wash., scored a rough-and-tumble, clumsily fought seven-round TKO over Freddie Miller, 138¼, Gulfport, Miss., when the contest was stopped at 2:43 of the canto after Miller had been dropped by two left hands. The Everett southpaw improved his log to 26-2-1, Emanuel Steward later said he should retire, as Summers has been getting hit too much and too often. Miller collapsed at ringside after the fight and was taken to the hospital, where tests showed he had a subdural hematoma in the back of his head. He was kept in the hospital for a few days and has been put on a six-month suspension. Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum, Chairman of the Michigan Athletic Board of Control, recommended that he permanently retire from the ring. Tom Briscoe, referee.

In a scheduled six-round light heavyweight bout, Booker T. Word, 176¾, Ypsilanti, Mich., easily crushed Gret (The Juice) Johnson, 174, Charleston, W. Va., putting him down for the count in 2:55 of the opening canto. Word, 11-0-1, dropped Johnson twice, the first time with a right left combination as he was leaning forward and the second time for the count with a thunderous left hook. Sam Williams, referee.

Gutsy Joe Blevins, 174¾, Beckley W. Va., tasted the canvas two times, but still managed to go the four-round distance in losing to hard hitting David Lester, 177, Detroit. It was a big spread on the cards for Lester, 3-0, with three 40-34 tallies over Blevins, 2-1-1, who had little trouble with Blevins' southpaw style. Tom Briscoe, referee.

Another four-rounder going the distance had Ray Pratt, 138, Kalamazoo, even his record at 1-1 with a 39-37 sweep of the cards over Jesse James Smith, 138, Detroit. Smith dropped to 0-2-1. Sam Williams, referee.

Ringside Productions, Inc.
Matchmaker—Tom Vacca.
Judges—Bob Watson, Frank Garza, Herb Ellison.
Chief Inspecter — James Cullen
Ring Announcer — Wally Jackson
Timekeeper — William Hunter, Sr.
(10-23-86)

▶STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center—Lindell Holmes, 164, Detroit, the current United States Boxing Association super middleweight champion, prepped himself for his upcoming December shot at a world title against International Boxing Federation super middleweight champ Chong Pal Park with a non-title scheduled 10-rounder against Sammy King Floyd, 160, Louisville. The two fighters had met in Toledo way back on December 12, 1980, with Holmes stopping Floyd in four. This clash looked like a replay, as Holmes used a vicious body attack to wear down Floyd and stop him at 1:20 of the fourth stanza. Holmes improved his record to 32-4-0-1, while Floyd, who claimed rib injuries, dropped to 19-26-2.

Returning to the ring after an 18-month lay-off Benji Marquez, 131, Denver, Colo., found his comeback cut short when, after a pretty even contest, a solid shot by Jose Vidal Concepcion, 133¾, New York, put him down and out at 1:30 of the 10th and final round. The lost dropped Marquez, who use to fight out of Bay City, to 14-3.

A third 10-rounder had local favorite Vince (Blue Thunder) Hopper, 180, Westland, Mich. stopped for the second consecutive fight on cuts in a bloodbath affair with Kemper Morton, 174, Columbus. Morton was cut under the left eye in the fourth and Hopper over the right eye in the fifth. Hopper, 10-2, controlled the opening rounds, but then Morton found he could land almost any right hand he threw and the tide changed. Morton was in control when the contest was halted in the eighth round due to Hopper's cut and Morton was awarded the tko win.

Four more scheduled four-rounders made up the remainder of the card.

Sixteen-year-old Fred The Tank Adams, 128, Henderson, Ky./Detroit due to continued to win as he battered Danny Brumfield, 133½, Cincinnati, into submission at 2:38 of the second canto. Adams thus improved his log to 4-0-1.

Colorful Detroit amateur star Renaldo (Little Red) Carter, 118, scored his second straight pro victory with a hard fought four-round majority decision over debuting Aaron Sheckles, 121½, Louisville. Two judges saw Carter the winner, 40-36 and 39-37, with the third calling it even, 38-38.

In a fight that debuted two more new faces Tom (Boom Boom) Johnson, 125, Henderson, Ky./Detroit looked very good in stopping Aaron Brumfield, 132, Cincinnati, at 1:05 of the second when Brumfield's cornerman jumped into the ring to stop the punishment.

Sweeping all cards 40-36 and winning a unanimous decision was Dan Schommer, 160, Minneapolis, who easily handled Mike Peak, 159, Louisville, four.

ABC Promotions Inc.
Judges — Jim Hoomaiian, John Chaulk, Cynthia Wrobel.
Referees — Bob Fischer, Frank Barbarich.
Chief Inspecter — Ted Kuzemka.
Timekeepers — J. Kollins, H. Ellison.
Attendance — 900. Gross — $26,000.
(10-28-86)

DAVE HARTOON

MINNESOTA

▶HAMEL—Medina Ballroom—The eight-round main event wasn't pretty, but it did provide an upset of sorts as two veteran heavyweights clashed.

Jimmy Young returned to Minnesota for his third 1986 appearance, but this time he came away a loser, dropping a unanimous decision to Chuck Gardner of Minneapolis. Young used his experience and left jab to pile up an early lead, but tired half way through the fight and Gardner came on to get the vote of all three judges. Young was upset with the decision and said it was "highway robbery, strictly a hometown steal." The win upped Gardner's record to 18-9-0, Young slipped to 32-16-3.

David McCall, St. Paul middleweight, outpointed one Cleo Johns of Oklahoma City, six.

Dan Schommer, a hot middleweight prospect from Coon Rapids, Minn., stopped Carlos Holiness of Ft. Wayne, Ind. at 1:59 of the second round.

Jerry Cody of LaCrosse, Wisc. stopped Devon (Easy Boy) Nelson of Minneapolis at 1:30 of the second, lightweights.

Veteran Al Houck of Brainerd won a four-round decision over one Mami Muhammad of Ft. Wayne, Ind., heavyweights.

M.K.J. Productions.
Officials—Denny Nelson, Manny Mendez, Jerry LaGarde.
Attendance—355.
(10-15-86)

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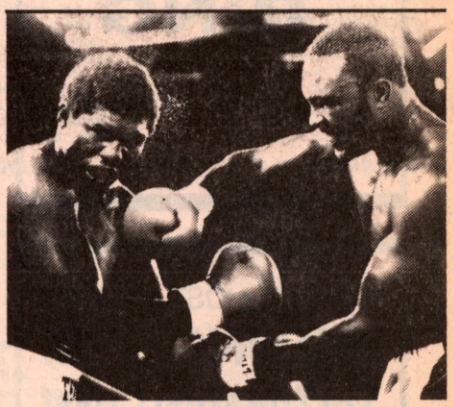

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Avery Rawls (right) catches James "Quick" Tillis with a stiff right to the jaw during their Las Vegas match, which ended in a draw when Tillis rallied in the final round.

▶LAS VEGAS—Showboat—James Tillis, rarely close to that old handle of "Quick," partially saved a forgettable appearance here recently with a 10th and final round rally to gain a draw with the less experienced Avery Rawls of Los Angeles.

The 29-year-old Tillis came up with the first dead heat of an eight-year career in Top Rank's ESPN main event at the Showboat Hotel-Casino while Rawls, 25, extended his two-year ledger to 10-1-1 with eight kayoes.

Before and after promoter Bob Arum's monthly presentation, Tillis was more interested in talking about what Trevor Berbick would have to do to save his World Boxing Council heavyweight crown against Mike Tyson, the kayo sensation who had to settle for a 10-round decision for the first time when he beat Tillis last May 3 in Glen Falls, N.Y.

Tillis tried to be clairvoyant when he said Berbick "must outhustle Tyson every round from start to finish," something the erstwhile Tulsa rancher rarely did against the pressing Rawls.

"Trevor can outbox Tyson, and he must bang him in the body," Tillis, 212, said. "Tyson takes a good punch to the head, but not to the body. Tyson's strong, but he lunges when throwing a punch.

"As for this fight, I though I won because I hit him with some good hooks. Rawls is strong, but he never hurt me. I was in good shape because I never got tired. I'm better when I'm in with better fighters. I'll take a little rest and come back in February."

Tillis, now 34-10-1 with 35 kayoes, completed the year with his sixth start, which included losing an eight-round decision to Tyrell Biggs last January 25 at Lancaster, Pa., and jetting down to Sydney, Australia to lose a controversial 10-round decision to former British and European heavyweight champion Joe Bugner on September 16.

Rawls, 201, who had a slight cut under his left eye, had no excuses.

"I figured I hurt him in the second round, and he caught me off balance a couple of times," the Californian said. "Let's face it . . . the guy's got the experience. But this wasn't my toughest fight by far."

In the official judging, Lou Tabat saw it 97-94, Tillis, while Dave Moretti and Jerry Roth declared a draw at 95-95. *The Ring* tally was 96-95, Rawls.

Rawls took the action to Tillis early, scoring with a solid right-left-right to the head in the second round while the veteran was content to counter.

The fighters traded twice at midring in the fourth round before Rawls managed to back up his clutching rival. The audience began to deliver catcalls in the sixth round, and that vocal opinion continued through the final bell.

Rawls tried to make a fight of it down the stretch, but Tillis, who can be a slicker when motivated, repeatedly broke Avery's punching rhythm by grabbing him around the neck and pulling his head down. Referee Richard Steele warned him on the infractions, but never took a point away.

Though tiring, Rawls and Tillis banged away in the ninth round, and the latter obviously gained the draw on two cards in the 10th

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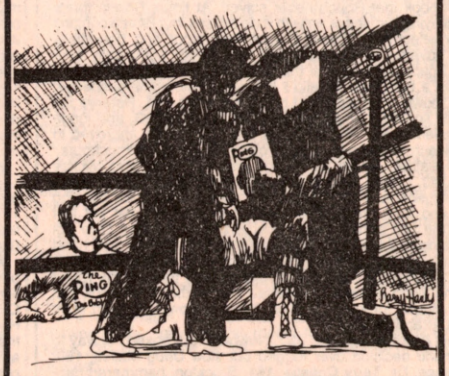

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when he punched wildly from all angles.

In the show stopper, Lupe Aquino, 152, Santa Paula, Calif., came up with a spectacular performance when he knocked out rugged Dio Colome, 150½, Los Angeles, Calif., in 45 seconds of the fifth round in a scheduled 10-round bout.

Aquino, running his record to 28-2-1, picked up his 20th stoppage when he caught Colome with a wicked right to the jaw which triggered an eight-punch salvo.

The explosion came at midring, but the dead game Colome, a former ESPN welterweight champion, couldn't get his hands up as Aquino rocked him with steady lefts and rights. The end came when another right sent the transplanted Dominican reeling to his left and two jolting lefts sent him in the opposite direction.

Colome, 21, landed flat on his back, but managed to struggle to his feet as referee Jim Mollineux's count reached "nine." But in an instant, the Latin pitched over on his face for his first knockout defeat in a near four-year career. His credentials are now 19-4 with 11 kayoes.

"I had no trouble sticking and moving in the first round, so I laid back a little in the second to let Colome get a little confident," Aquino said. "He has a pretty good right, but nothing else. We knew each other pretty good from the gym in L.A. It's good to get back-to-back kayoes (Nathan Dryer, KO 5, October 10, Las Vegas), but I guess this is the most satisfying kayo of my career."

Not considered a big puncher, Jeff Franklin, 127, Las Vegas, surprised Alex Vegas, 128, Los Angeles, when he caught him flush with a right to the jaw to record a knockout at 2:37 of the first round in a scheduled eight-rounder. Franklin improved his record to 13-2-1 with six kayoes. Vega skidded to 7-5-1.

Ed Duffy, 168, Las Vegas made it four straight knockouts as a pro when he flattened Leslie Mixon, 165½, Phoenix, Ariz., in 39 seconds of the second round in a slated four. Mixon is now 0-2.

Tim Mosley, 135, Las Vegas, picked up his second pro TKO when he stopped Paul Martin, 134, Los Angeles, at 59 seconds of the second round, two heats short of the scheduled distance.

Allen Lowry, 126½, Las Vegas, and Rodolfo Perez, 124½, El Monte, Calif., boxed to a four-round draw, both having won their pro debuts last month.

(11-11-96)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int.**—Frankie Randall bounced back strong from an unsatisfactory performance against Fred Pendleton to take apart Aldemar Mosquera in a scheduled 10. Though unbeaten, Mosquera was an unknown quantity, having only recently invaded the States. He laid waste to the concept of tougher Latin fighters forged in a hotter furnace of poverty, and proved no match for Randall. Sporting a bizarre hairstyle, Mosquera, 136, Bucaramanga, Colombia, via Miami, resembled a miniature "Mr. T" and probably fought a bit like him—all muscle and bravado fury. His looping swings proved easy for Randall, 136, Morristown, Tenn., to step inside and counter with short, textbook jolts. By the third, Frankie was in range, cleaning up on Aldemar. The Latin took a standing eight, then went down for a K.O. in 2:32. Vinnie Rainone refereed.

In the companion 10, Joey Ferrell, 142¾, Philadelphia, also got back on the win track, but with a tougher struggle, scoring a unanimous decision over another Latin invader, Anthony Andrews, 138½, Georgetown, Guyana, via New York. The roles were reversed in this one. Andrews proved a classy boxer and counterpuncher, but couldn't match or shut down Joey's frenetic attack. Ferrell took command at mid-point in non-stop action. By the ninth, both were dead tired, but fought furiously to the bell, trying to edge out a close win. Ferrell got the deserved nod, 7-3 from Phil Newman, 6-3-1 from Rich Strange, and 5-4-1 from Al DeVito. Paul Venti refereed.

Mike (The Bounty) Hunter, 212, Greenville, S.C., threw a wrench into the plans of unbeaten local Ken (Hands) Crosby, 214½, Atlantic City, with a TKO after five rounds of a scheduled six. Trying to overcome an obscure background with "shtick," the Carolinian enters the ring dressed as an Old West bounty hunter, and has made a career so far out of collecting prospects' scalps. The muscle-bound Crosby was thoroughly confused by Hunter's unorthodox, slapstick style until a booming right hand got through in the fourth and sent Hunter skidding across the canvas on the seat of his pants. But failing to follow it up, Crosby became dispirited, and remained in his corner a round later, complaining of a dislocated shoulder. Paul Venti, referee.

Howard Stewart, 143½, Philadelphia, overwhelmed and shellacked Georgie Brooks, 143½, Lancaster, Pa., via Vineland, by unanimous verdict in a rugged six. Paul Venti, referee.

Joe Henry, 159½, Bronx, punched too fast and hard for Victor Ramos, 159½, Reading, dropping him twice for a TKO at 1:17 of the third round in a frenzied scheduled four. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—900 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(10-02-86)

▶**PENNSAUKEN—Betsy Ross Inn**—Another in a series of occasional cards landed here, at the former Halloran Plaza, as Joe Hand moved his club operation across the river from Philadelphia. John David Jackson, 159½, Bridgeport, Pa., TKO'd Tony Ojo, 160, Falls Church, Va., at 1:13 of the third round in a wild affair, scheduled for eight. With his legs apparently gone, Ojo swung frantically to try to stop the pressuring Jackson. But John David threaded his way in with precision, shaking off an occasional bomb, and dropping Tony in the first and third. Ref Tony Orlando rescued the visitor.

Returning Earl Hargrove, 157, Philadelphia, was impressive, destroying no slouch in Lamont Haithcoach, 157¾, Newark, via K.O. in 3:08 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Though heavier, Haithcoach looked like a welter against a middle, unable to stand up to Haithcoach's power and crumpling like a Dixie

UNITED STATES RATINGS
BY THE UNITED STATES BOXING ASSOCIATION
(As of November 10, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Tucker (Michigan)
1. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
2. James Smith (North Carolina)
3. James Douglas (Ohio)
4. Carl Williams (New York)
5. James Broad (New Jersey)
6. Mike Tyson (New York)
7. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
8. Gerry Cooney (New York)
9. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
10. Elijah Tillery (New York)
11. Larry Alexander (New York)
12. Mike Evans (Illinois)
13. Greg Page (Kentucky)
14. James Tillis (Oklahoma)
15. Avery Rawls (California)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Boone Pultz (Virginia)
1. Bernard Benton (Michigan)
2. Dwight M. Qawi (New Jersey)
3. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
4. Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
5. Henry Tillman (California)
6. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
7. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
8. Bashiru Ali (California)
9. Anthony Witherspoon (Pa.)
10. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
11. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
12. Anthony Davis (Nevada)
13. Michael Arms (Arkansas)
14. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
15. James Waring (Florida)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charles Williams (Ohio)
1. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
2. J.B. Williamson (California)
3. David Sears (New York)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
5. Eddie Davis (New York)
6. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
7. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
8. James Salerno (Florida)
9. Uriah Grant (Florida)
10. Arthel Lawhorne (Michigan)
11. Grady Smith (Florida)
12. Mike Costello (New York)
13. Virgil Hill (North Dakota)
14. Frankie Swindle (Tennessee)
15. Joe Golphin (Florida)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Lindell Holmes (Ohio)
1. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
2. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
3. Jorge Amparo (New Jersey)
4. Chuck Walker (Texas)
5. Everett Martin (Texas)
6. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
7. Lamont Kirkland (California)
8. Vinnie Curto (Florida)
9. Jay Strickland (Texas)
10. Vincent Boulware (Texas)
11. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
12. Chris Reid (New Jersey)
13. Victor Claudio (Puerto Rico)
14. Dale Jackson (Illinois)
15. Richard Burton (New York)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Iran Barkley (New York)
3. James Kinchen (California)
4. Michael Nunn (California)
5. Don Lee (Indiana)
6. Troy Darrell (New York)
7. Frank Tate (Texas)
8. Tony Thornton (New Jersey)
9. Doug DeWitt (New York)
10. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
11. Alex Ramos (California)
12. John Collins (Illinois)
13. Mark McPherson (New York)
14. Kenny Snow (Texas)
15. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
2. Donald Curry (Puerto Rico)
3. Davey Moore (New York)
4. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
5. Lupe Aquino (California)
6. Mark Medal (New York)
7. John David Jackson (Pennsylvania)
8. Steve Little (Pennsylvania)
9. Willie Harris (Pennsylvania)
10. Tony Montgomery (Michigan)
11. Kenny Styles (New York)
12. Mardo Roybal (California)
13. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
14. Mauricio Rodriguez (Florida)
15. Matthew Farrago (New York)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
1. Marlon Starling (Conn.)
2. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
3. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Mark Breland (New York)
6. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
7. Luis Santana (California)
8. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
9. Roman George (Louisiana)
10. Danny Garcia (Puerto Rico)
11. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
12. Vincent Pettway (Maryland)
13. Felipe Canela (California)
14. Ricky Stoner (Texas)
15. Allen Braswell (New York)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Warren (Texas)
1. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
2. John Wesley Meekins (New York)
3. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
4. Andy Nance (California)
5. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
6. Ricky Young (New York)
7. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
8. Lonnie Smith (Colorado)
9. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
10. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
11. Othal Dixon (Texas)
12. Brian Baronet (Pennsylvania)
13. Cassius Clay Horn (Arizona)
14. Ozzie O'Neal (Ohio)
15. Joey Ruiz (Illinois)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Terrence Alli (New York)
1. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
2. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
3. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
4. Livingstone Bramble (N.J.)
5. Vincent Pazienza (Rhode Island)
6. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
7. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
8. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Calif.)
9. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
11. Greg Haugen (Washington)
12. Walter Sims (California)
13. Joey Olivera (California)
14. Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan (Mo.)
15. Fred Pendleton (Florida)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (Michigan)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Juan LaPorte (New York)
4. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
5. Jackie Beard (Tennessee)
6. Donald Caples (Texas)
7. Tony Lopez (California)
8. Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
9. Sal Cenicola (New Jersey)
10. Bernard Gray (Florida)
11. John Duplessis (Louisiana)
12. Anthony English (New Jersey)
13. Vincent Costello (New York)
14. Genaro Hernandez (California)
15. Keely Thompson (Virginia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
2. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
3. Irving Mitchell (California)
4. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
5. Billy White (Louisiana)
6. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
7. George Navarro (New Jersey)
8. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
9. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
10. Refugio Rojas (California)
11. Pasqual Aranda (Texas)
12. Paulie Ayala (Texas)
13. Robert Rivera (Puerto Rico)
14. Pete Anzaldua (Arizona)
15. Joe Ruelas (California)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Jesse Benavides (Texas)
3. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
4. Mike Ayala (Texas)
5. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
6. Louie Espinoza (Arizona)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. George Garcia (California)
9. James Manning (Oregon)
10. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
11. Harold Petty (Texas)
12. Juan Veloz (New York)
13. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
14. Robert Shannon (Washington)
15. Lupe Gutierrez (California)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurley Snead (Michigan)
1. Sugar Baby Rojas (Florida)
2. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
3. Jorge Diaz (California)
4. Jose Sanabria (New York)
5. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
6. Frankie Duarte (California)
7. Albert Davila (California)
8. Luis Curtis (D.C.)
9. Darrell Thigpen (California)
10. Jimmy Navarro (Florida)
11. Steve McCrory (Michigan)
12. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
13. Sam David (New Jersey)
14. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
15. David Gauvin (Massachusetts)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Ramon Medel (Texas)
2. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
3. William Ramos (Puerto Rico)
4. Paul Gonzales (California)
5. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
6. Lucio Nolasco (California)
7. Mario Savala (California)
8. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
9. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
10. Felix Marquez (Connecticut)
11. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
12. Miguel Mercedes (California)
13. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
14. Felix Castillo (Texas)
15. Pedro Feliciano (Puerto Rico)

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS
BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION
(As of November 15, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Mike Tyson (New York)
2. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
3. James Smith (North Carolina)
4. James (Buster) Douglas (Ohio)
5. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
6. Gerry Cooney (New York)
7. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
8. Larry Alexander (Tennessee)
9. Willie de Wit (Alberta)
10. Mitchell Green (New York)
11. Razor Ruddock (Ontario)
12. Jose Ribalta (Florida)
13. Marvin Frazier (Pennsylvania)
14. James Broad (New Jersey)
15. Terry Anderson (Florida)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
1. Henry Tillman (California)
2. Dwight Muhammad Qawi (N.J.)
3. Bashiru Ali California)
4. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
5. Bernard Benton (Ohio)
6. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
7. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
8. Tyrone Booze (California)
9. Henry Milligan (Delaware)
10. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
11. Michael Arms (Alaska)
12. Elijah Tillery (New York)
13. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
14. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
15. Prince Mamah Mohammed (Calif.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
1. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
2. Eddie Davis (New York)
3. David Sears (New York)
4. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
5. J.B. Williamson (California)
6. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
7. Leslie Stewart (Florida)
8. Virgil Hill (North Dakota)
9. Mike Costello (Connecticut)
10. Chuck Walker (Texas)
11. Chris Reid (New Jersey)
12. Arthel Lawhorne (Michigan)
13. James Salerno (Florida)
14. Edward (Grady) Smith (Florida)
15. Everett Martin (Texas)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
1. Michael Olajide (B.C.)
2. Iran Barkley (New York)
3. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
4. Michael Nunn (California)
5. Donald Lee (Indiana)
6. Frank Tate (Michigan)
7. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
8. James Kinchen (California)
9. Matt Farrago (New York)
10. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
11. Doug DeWitt (New York)
12. Mark McPherson (New York)
13. Tony Montgomery (Michigan)
14. Tony Thornton (New Jersey)
15. Steve Darnell (Michigan)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
2. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
3. Donald Curry (Texas)
4. David Braxton (Michigan)
5. John Mugabi (Florida)
6. Kenny Snow (Texas)
7. Mardo Roybal (California)
8. Troy Darrell (New York)
9. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
10. Davey Moore (New York)
11. Mauricio Rodriguez (Florida)
12. Mark Medal (New York)
13. Jack Callahan (Indiana)
14. Kevin Moley (New York)
15. John David Jackson (Pa.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Luis Santana (California)
1. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
2. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
3. Simon Brown (D.C.)
4. Mark Breland (New York)
5. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
6. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
7. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
8. Hugh Kearney (Pennsylvania)
9. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
10. Allen Braswell (New York)
11. Darryl Anthony (Missouri)
12. Darren Van Horn (Louisiana)
13. Shawn O'Sullivan (Ontario)
14. Ricky Stoner (Texas)
15. Johnny Johnson (Texas)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Harold Brazier (Indiana)
1. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
2. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
3. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
4. John Meekins (New York)
5. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
6. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
7. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
8. Vinnie Pazienza (Rhode Island)
9. Cassius Clay Horn (Arizona)
10. Andy Nance (California)
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12. John Montes (California)
13. Ricky Young (New York)
14. Joey Ruiz (Illinois)
15. Jesse Lopez (Oregon)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Haugen (Washington)
1. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
2. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
3. Livingstone Bramble (New York)
4. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
5. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
6. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Calif.)
7. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
8. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
9. Fred Pendleton (Florida)
10. Vinnie Costello (New York)
11. Felix Gonzales (California)
12. Mauricio Aceves (Mexico)
13. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
14. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
15. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
2. Juan LaPorte (New York)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
5. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
6. Donald Caples (Texas)
7. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
8. Anthony English (Pennsylvania)
9. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
10. Pasqual Aranda (Texas)
11. Raphe Sims (Texas)
12. Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan (Mo.)
13. Refugio Rojas (Mexico)
14. Tony Lopez (California)
15. Wilmer Ruiz (Texas)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
3. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
4. Irving Mitchell (California)
5. George Navarro (New Jersey)
6. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
7. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
8. Hector Lopez (California)
9. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
10. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
11. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
12. Pete Anzaldua (Arizona)
13. Bruno Rabanales (Mexico)
14. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
15. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
1. Louie Espinoza (Arizona)
2. Jaime Garza (California)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Harold Petty (Texas)
5. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
6. Jesse Benavides (Texas)
7. Ramon Rico (California)
8. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
9. Alfredo Rangel (Texas)
10. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
11. Juan Veloz (New York)
12. Gilberto Contreras (Texas)
13. Ramon Jiminez (Mexico)
14. Tony Montoya (Utah)
15. Alvaro Ramos (Arizona)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Duarte (California)
1. Kelvin Seabrook (North Carolina)
2. Albert Davila (California)
3. James Pipps (Texas)
4. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
5. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
6. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Eddie Rangel (Texas)
9. George Garcia (California)
10. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
11. Raul Perez (Mexico)
12. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
13. Mike Moreno (California)
14. Rodolfo Ortega (Mexico)
15. James Manning (Oregon)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Gonzales (California)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Jimmmy Fernandez (Mexico)
6. Mike Phelps (Texas)
7. Ray Medel (Texas)
8. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
9. Arturo Mujica (Mexico)
10. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
11. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
12. Artemio Ruiz (Mexico)
13. Tony Escobar (Mexico)
14. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
15. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
3. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
4. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
5. German Torres (Mexico)
6. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
7. Memo Flores (Mexico)
8. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
9. Javier Alonzo (Mexico)
10. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
11. Adalberto Martinez (Mexico)
12. Amado Urzua (Mexico)
13. Babe Luis (Mexico)
14. Willy Salazar (Mexico)
15. Hilario Duran (Mexico)

cup. Thudding body punches had him visibly pained and down twice. Paul Venti, referee.

Another returnee, Willie Harris, 160¾, Norristown, Pa. buzzsawed out comebacking vet Donald Johnson, 153¾, Brooklyn, at 2:15 of the second in a scheduled eight. A noted spoiler, Johnson couldn't shut down Harris. He was down in the first, taking a licking, and then dropped in the second, as Harris charged in, fired a left hook to the ribs, and heads clanged. Johnson suffered a bad eye cut, and ref Orlando stopped it over his protests.

In a battle of southpaws, sharpie Ronnie Cooley, 120, Philadelphia, neatly outboxed a determined Antonio Diaz, 119½, Reading, via unanimous shutout in a good four. Paul Venti, referee.

Kevin Bernard, 176¾, Philadelphia, belted out pathetic Terry Alrich, 168½, Knoxville, Pa., who looked like he didn't belong in a ring, getting dropped and TKO'd at 1:25 of the first round in their scheduled four. Tony Orlando, referee.

Promoter—Joe Hand.
Matchmaker—Joe Hand, Jr.
Attendance—400. Gross—$4,500 (est.).
Judges—John Poturaj, Al DeVito, Rich Strange.
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Guy DeStefano.
(10-28-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—A pall of gloom spread over local boxing, as popular South African transplant Brian Baronet was thoroughly beaten up and stopped by workhorse Harold Brazier. The likeable and gentlemanly Baronet, 139½, Philadelphia, had even the normally neutral press pulling for him in his try for the vacant NABF junior welter crown. The hard working, blue collar Brazier, 140, South Bend, Ind., a dauntless journeyman who refused to let on-the-road losses discourage him, had first been recruited as a foil for John Meekins. Their bout ended in a technical draw after a butt gashed Brazier's eye in the second, and was to have been rematchhed. Instead, Meekins developed an injured hand, making way for Baronet. Brian held a win over Harold on a reportedly close decision in South Africa some years ago, and the script called for a repeat.

Not this time! Though a solid technician, Baronet couldn't put anything over on Brazier, who seemed to have an answer for everything he tried. Brian's normally stinging jab seemed to be pushed out, and Harold, fighting out of a shallow stance, was able to pop jarring rights over it with numbing regularity. Beginning to fall hopelessly behind, Baronet tried to make up in drive what he couldn't on technique, but withering action through the middle rounds left him drained. After an all-out try in the ninth, Brian came out wilted for the 10th. The same right he'd been tormented with all night sent him sagging against the ropes, where a left hook to the body and right cross to the head crumpled him like a deflated balloon. He lurched up, both exhausted and hurt, and ref Steve Smoger stopped the scheduled 12 at 2:02.

Tracy Harris, 127, New Paltz, N.Y., blasted out Fred Reed

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Hall, 125, Brooklyn, with a two-knockdown TKO at 2:50 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

In a wild shootout, Khalif Shabazz, 152, Hartford, upset Joe Henry, 155, Bronx, with a K.O. in 3:06 of the first round in a scheduled four. An overconfident Henry seemed to have Shabazz on the run when he charged into a right uppercut and was stunningly demolished. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

In a similar ending, Terry Ray, 165, Terre Haute, Ind., TKO'd John Fornara, 163¼, Philadelphia, at 2:25 of the first round in their scheduled four. In an unkempt affair, a bloodied Ray seemed on his way out when a right counter rattled Fornara, forcing a standing eight. John continued to wobble badly until ref Smoger halted it.

Top Rank, Inc.

Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.

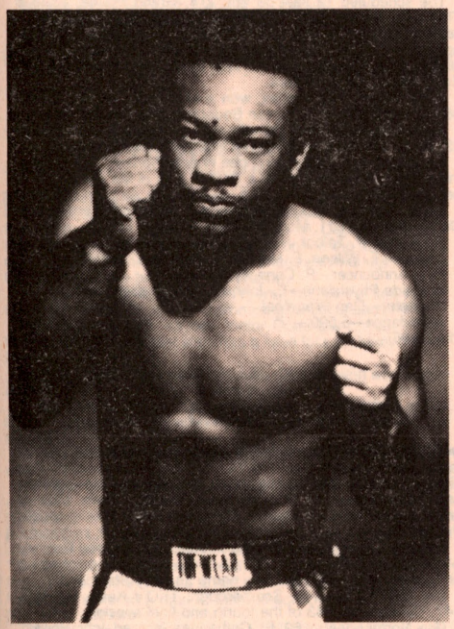
Attendance—500 (estimated).

Judges—Richard F. Murry, Frank Cairo, Charlie Spina (Chuck Minker of Nevada replaced Spina in the title bout).

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(10-31-86)



Frankie Warren made the first defense of his USBA junior welterweight title with an easy fifth-round TKO over Ozzie O'Neal in Atlantic City.

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—The dying local scene suffered another crushing setback when one of its major contributors, Dan Duva, ran his last card here. The long running regular series traced back nearly to the inception of casino boxing and was a key ingredient in the unique mix of quality cards taken too much for granted hereabouts.

Frankie Warren, 139, Corpus Christi, made the first defense of his USBA junior welter crown a relatively easy one as he bombed out game but overmatched Ozzie (The Wizard) O'Neal, 139½, Youngstown, via TKO at 2:37 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12. With the same basic style as Warren—an aggressive, wade-in banger—but not nearly the tools, O'Neal was doomed from the start. A ripping right uppercut, followed by a barrage of lefts and rights, had Ozzie ready to fall in the third. But he refused to give up, and hung around into the fifth, when a savage onslaught, topped by a vicious left hook to the ribs, folded him limply along the ropes. Joe Cortez, referee.

Duke McKenzie, 114½, London, Eng., took the measure of stubborn Lee Cargle, 115, Oklahoma City, winning a unanimous decision in a good 10-round boxing match. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Touted Henry Hughes, 141, Cleveland, had trouble early from shifty southpaw Steve Little, 140, Philadelphia, but figured him out and finished strong for a unanimous win in a hard fought six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Rip Rettig, 148, Bayonne, beat Martin Kearney, 148, Pittsburgh, by unanimous decision, six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Shifty Daryl Lattimore, 147, Washington, D.C., had to work for a unanimous win over chugging Eric Holland, 150, Philadelphia, six. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Rick Dabney, 160½, Pleasantville, scored another spectacular knockout, doubling a left hook and uppercut to drop Bill Robinson, 157¾, Brooklyn, for a TKO at 2:22 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Main Events.

Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.

Attendance—700 (estimated).

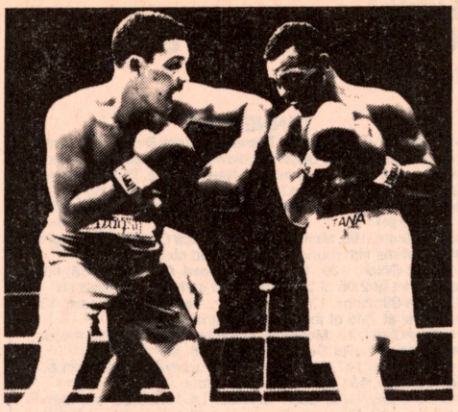
Judges—John Stewart, Frank Brunette, Rocky Castellani.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(11-19-86)

J.R. JOWETT



Juan Ramon Santana (right) won a unanimous 10-round decision over local rival Joey Ferell at the Tropicana in Atlantic City.

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—Besides an eagerly awaited rematch, this night had a signifigance all to itself. The NJACB put into use the 10-pount scoring system as the method of judging in all future bouts in the state of New Jersey. The judges were also instructed to make liberal use of the 10 points (i.e.: 10-8s without a knockdown having to be scored).

For the headline bout itself, Juan Ramon Santana, 142, Camden, N.J., left little doubt this time around against fellow Camden County resident Joey Ferrell, 142¾, Clementon, as he took a 10-round unanimous decision. Their initial summer encounter was a draw over the same distance.

Juan had done his homework, studying the tape of their first battle. "The difference tonight was the jab. Why make it a tougher fight," Santana said. Ferrell had no complaints other than with his own performance. "My zip wasn't there. I may not have fought him right," said Joey. "This man came to fight and he beat me."

Juan certainly did that, starting the bout off with a left hook knockdown of Ferrell in round one right after Joey had Juan backing to the ropes. "Bugsey" got back into the flow in round two with a strong inside attack, but Ramon went for keeping his distance in round three. With it, a baffled Ferrell let the bout slip away — only gaining solace in a late rounds rally.

Scoring: Joe Pasquale, 95-91; Frank Cairo, 97-90; Rich Strange, 95-92. *The Ring* had it 96-91. Rudy Battle, referee. Both boxers suffered cuts on the outside corners of their left eyes.

In the lively eight-round semi-final, Johnny Carter, 120¾, Philadelphia, survived cuts around both eyes in taking a unanimous decision over Tony Pruitt, 122¼, Philadelphia by way of St. Louis, Mo.

Pruitt was dropped in round four by a short and sweet left hook from the switch-hitting Carter. Tony could never get back in it after that, but the cuts on Carter gave is some suspense. Scores: Cairo, 79-69; Pasquale, 80-67; Strange, 79-70. *The Ring* tabbed it 79-72. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Randall Yonker, 166½, Mobile Ala., took two rounds to figure out the southpaw style of awkwardly tall Chris Guest, 166½, Philadelphia. Yonker then proceded to floor his foe once each in the fourth and fifth before referee Battle awarded him a TKO win at 0:56 of the fifth in a scheduled six.

Southpaw Jorge Rivas, 123¾, Brooklyn, N.Y. won a four-round unanimous decision over Joey Negron, 123, Bridgeport, Conn. Negron was dropped in round three. Scores: Cairo, 38-34; Pasquale, 39-35; Strange, 39-36. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Tyrone Frazier, 165, Philadelphia, with Joe Frazier working his corner, took a unanimous six-round decision over Mike Peoples, 159½, Monticello, N.Y., in a good action bout. Scores: Cairo, 58-56; Pasquale, 60-57; Strange, 59-56. Rudy Battle, referee.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian

Promoters—HBA (East)/M.S.G./John Nottolo.

Matchmaker—Ron Katz

(11-06-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

▶NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Mark Breland, 149, Brooklyn, raised his professional record to 16-0 (11 kayoes) with a TKO victory over Orlando Orozco, 145, Caracas, Vez., at 1:46 of the second round in a scheduled 10. A hard right cross sent the Venezuelan champion to the canvas. He beat the count, but referee Johnny Colan wisely stopped it. Orozco is now 12-6-2 and one no contest with seven kayoes.

Mustafa Hamsho, 169, Brooklyn, nearly stunk out the joint en route to a unanimous decision over journeyman Jimmy Shavers, 167½, St. Paul, Minn., 10. Scoring: George S. Colon, 9-1; George DeGabriel, 8-2; Victor Suarez, 10-0. Hamsho, obviously not "up" for this one, is now 42-3-2 with 25 kayoes. Shavers is 13-11 with seven knockouts. Fred Ucci, referee.

Kevin Moley, 161½, Selden, New York, TKO'd Irwin Hines, also 161½, Winston-Salem, N.C., at the end of seven rounds in a scheduled 10. Moley is now 25-2 with 21 kayoes. Hines is 16-11-1 with nine knockouts. Nick Drake, referee.

Steve Floch, 240, Staten Island, N.Y., won a unanimous decision over Art Terry, 225, Salem, W. Va., eight. Scoring: Colon and Suarez, both 6-2; DeGabriel, 5-3. Nick Drake, referee. Floch is now 10-0 with eight knockouts. Terry is 3-4-1 with two kayoes.

Seamus McDonagh, 182, Brooklyn, TKO'd Gary Coccioletti, 180, Greensburg, Pa., at 2:24 of the sixth and final round. Referee Ucci stopped the contest after Coccioletti, who had been floored in the first and second, suffered a decisive knockdown in the sixth. McDonagh, the Irish-born crowd pleaser, is now 8-0 with six kayoes. Coccioletti is 2-3.

English-born southpaw Tunde Foster, 136, Brooklyn, kayoed Tim Davis, 134, Baltimore, in 1:08 of round two in their scheduled six. Foster is now 8-0 with seven knockouts. Davis, who was also knocked down in the first round, is 2-8 with one knockout. Johnny Colan, referee.

Glenwood (The Beast) Brown, 144, Plainfield, N.J., went to 6-0 (five kayoes) by knocking out Donald Gwinn, 145, Charleston, W. Va., with a thunderous right hand in 0:27 of the second in another scheduled six. Gwinn is now 11-12. Fred Ucci, referee.

Domingo Molina, 158½, Brooklyn, and Farrod Pinchback, 159½, Jamaica, Queens, N.Y., drew, four. The best fight of the night. Pinchback, down in the third, came back to floor Molina in the last round and give him a thorough going over. Scoring: George S. Colon, 3-1 (3-2 in points), Molina; DeGabriel and Suarez, both 2-2 (3-3). Molina is now 2-1-1. Pinchback is 1-0-1. Hector Pacheco, referee.

Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

Total Attendance—2,942. (This was the largest crowd at a Felt Forum boxing program since the Carlos Santos-Mark Medal card of November 2, 1984.)

(11-13-86)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

NORTH DAKOTA

▶WILLISTON—Raymond Family Regional Community Center—Undefeated light-heavyweight Virgil Hill came home to Williston to fight as a pro for the first time before a large crowd. Hill did not disappoint his fans as he kayoed veteran Wayne Caplette of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The quick end came as a surprise when Hill scored with a solid left hook and a sizzling right cross to the jaw that put the Canadian down and out at 2:04 of the first round with referee Davey Pearl tolling the count. Hill now has a 12-0-0 slate. Caplette slipped to 25-6-0.

Mark Strickland, Williston middleweight, made his pro debut after a long and successful amateur career. Strickland had some trouble early before stopping Terry Pudwell of Manda, N.D. in the third round, Mark taking a standing eight-count in the second. Strickland put the heat on Pudwell in the third round and referee Pearl stopped the contest at 1:18 of the frame.

Benjie Vigil of Denver outpointed Clint Hannah of Calgary over six rounds. Hannah was down in the first round but survived.

Tony Duran of Denver copped a tough, hard fought six-round verdict over Reggie Johnson of Calgary.

Manuel Veldez of Denver won a four-round decision over Paul McGowan of Edmonton.

Promoter—Mike Kraft.

Commissioner—Del Seelye.

Referees—Davey Pearl, Bill Turner.

Judges—Harold Buck, Patricia Jarman, Ed St. Mars.

Timekeeper—Edward Jeanotte.

Attendance—4,000 (estimated).

(10-04-86)

▶BISMARCK—Civic Center—Undefeated Williston light heavyweight Virgil Hill ran his record to 13-0 when he won a unanimous ten-round decision over Eric Winbush, 175¾, New York, who was subbing for former champion Matthew Saad Muhammad.

There was no question about the verdict, as Hill landed constantly and floored Winbush twice. Only the experience of Winbush kept him from being knocked out, as he would lay on the ropes and keep low, which made Hill miss with some punches. In the third round, Winbush made the mistake of moving off the ropes and Hill caught him, sending him down for his first trip to the canvas.

Winbush became more aggressive in the fourth, landing some blows, but by the end of the round Hill was again in command. Eric's right eye began to puff up in the fifth and Hill then went to work on the body, scoring with some solid combinations.

In the seventh, Hill was landing often, and near the end of the round, an eight-punch combination sent Winbush down again. Eric beat the count but staggered back to his corner at the bell. The next three rounds were all Hill, as he used Winbush as a punching bag. With the win, Hill won the North Dakota State light heavyweight title. (How did Winbush qualify for that?)

Frankie Minton, 176½, Indianapolis outpointed James Shavers of St. Paul, eight.

Mike Short, 131¾, Calgary, won a four round decision over Reggie Johnson, 126¾, Calgary.

Jeff Franklin, 129½, Las Vegas, stopped Sylvester Kennon, 128¼, St. Louis, at 1:07 of the fourth round.

Mark Strickland, 149, Williston, stopped Mark Pudwill, also 149, Mandan, N.D., at 2:42 of the second.

Engles Padroza, 141½, Long Beach, Calif., stopped Gordon Hanna, 139, Calgary, at 2:35 of the first.

Promoter—Paul Johnson.

Matchmaker—Steve Davis.

Referee—Max Voigt.

Attendance—3,250.

(10-17-86)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

PENNSYLVANIA

▶PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—A pair of undercard fighters stepped up to the co-feature and more than earned the promo-

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tion, as they completely outshined the companion eight.

Unsung prospect Greg Tutt, 156½, S. Philadelphia, edged workhorse Sidney Outlaw, 157, N. Philadelphia, in an impossibly furious slugfest. Both fighters gave no quarter, and didn't bother with defense, as they pounded each other without pause. The outcome was largely a matter of interpretation, as Tutt's sharp combinations caught the eyes of the judges over southpaw Sidney's relentless volume. Rudy Battle voted 38-35, Carol Polis 38-36, and Joe O'Neil 37-36, unanimous for Tutt. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

That was an impossible act to follow, and the wind-up didn't even try. Hughie (Buttons) Kearney, 149½, W. Philadelphia, thoroughly outboxed Milton Leaks, 150½, Hartford, in a routine affair. Battle scored 39-33, and the others both 40-32. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Khaliff Shabazz, 154, Hartford, scored a shocking upset over unbeaten Bob Nicks, 153½, W. Philadelphia, with a TKO at 2:23 of the second in a scheduled six. Nicks was dropped by a right out of a blazing exchange at the very start, but battled back into contention. In the second, the same thing happened—a left hook flooring him this time—and Cappuccino stopped it.

A charging Jerry Rash, 208½, Elkton, Md., via Philadelphia, was surprised and dropped by Stan Johnson, 215, Paterson, in a wild scrambling scheduled four. Jerry regrouped, charged again, and thudded a left hook to the ribs as heads crashed. Johnson dropped in apparent pain, failed to beat the count at 0:58 of the first, then protested vehemently to ref Sgrillo.

Martin Brokenbough, 130, W. Philadelphia, scored a majority win over an out-of-shape Roger Osorio, 134½, Carolina, P.R., via N. Philadelphia, four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Anthony (Nightmare) Pearson, 149, Paterson, kayoed stiff Ron Washington, 143, N. Philadelphia, who laid down from a glancing left hook at 1:11 of the first round in a scheduled four. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance—1100. Gross—$12,000 (est.).
Judges—referee not in ring replaced Battle on undercard.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(11-11-86)

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Woodhaven Sports Center—**A new club promotion staged a successful inaugural when the owner of an active pro/am gym decided to give promoting a try and recruited Russell Peltz's former matchmaker.

In the main event, Howard Stewart, 143, Philadelphia, won a somewhat disputed, but correct, unanimous decision over Antony DeShields, 142, Philadelphia, eight. It was a good, rugged fight, with the determined Stewart overwhelming DeShields on volume. The crafty southpaw didn't let the win come cheaply. Anthony's jab nearly closed Howard's left eye, and he was shaken a couple of times by left counters. Adalaide Tyndale and Joe O'Neil voted 37-35. Frank Cappuccino 39-34. John Carroll, referee.

Melvin Epps, 190, New York, got a deserved split verdict over Al Shoffner, 190, Philadelphia, in an earnest but ugly six. The two octopussed dreadfully, as Epps succeeded in making Shoffner look terrible, his spearing jab closing Al's left eye. Cappuccino voted for the loser, 28-27, but the others both had 28-26, Epps. Bob Polis, referee.

The bout everyone came to see had immensely popular Bobby Koular, 160, Kensington, paralyzing Frank (Mad Dog) Thomas, 164, Philadelphia, on the ropes for a TKO at 0:41 of the first round in a scheduled four. John Carroll, referee.

Lenny Bainbridge, 139, Reading, battered Ted Greer, 139, Kensington, dropping him in the third round for a unanimous win, four. Bob Polis, referee.

A reformed loser, Kenny Page, 165, Philadelphia, "TKO'd" an unreconstructed stiff, Rodney Pressley, 165, Philadelphia, who folded weakly at 0:59 of the second in their scheduled four. John Carroll, referee.

Steve Walker, 139, Philadelphia, dished out a terrible beating to game southpaw Fred Cruz, 139, Williamstown, N.J., to win a unanimous four. Bob Polis, referee.

Promoter—Vic Capcino.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—750. Gross—$9,000 (est.).
Judges—Carroll replaced Tyndale for Walker-Cruz.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Ring Announcer—Thom Leibowitz.
(11-14-86)

J.R. JOWETT

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS — New Daisy Theatre** — Knox Brown, 159, Memphis, retained his Mid-South middleweight title with a unanimous decision over Lopez McGee, 160, Nashville, 12. The scores were 135-112, 120-110, and 117-116 in favor of Brown, who was the constant aggressor and beat McGee to the punch all night. Brown is now 19-6-1.

Brian Grant, 158, Memphis, TKO'd Bruce Card, 161, Memphis, at 2:59 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Robert Dixon, 139, Memphis, kayoed Ali Smith, 133, Little Rock, Ark., at 2:05 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Shawn Simmons, 138, Murray, Ky., halted Tony Houart, 139, Memphis, at 2:45 of the fourth and final session.

Kenny Cole, 133, Memphis, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Semmie Black, 136, Memphis, four.

Greg Dixon, 147, Memphis, won a unanimous decision over George Riley, 151, Little Rock, Ark., four.

Scott Daley, 152, Lake Charles, La., knocked out Marvin Freeman, 147, Ft. Worth, Texas, in 0:59 of the second round in their scheduled four.

Referees — Jim Kidd, Irving Tucker, Sam Garland.
Judges — Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbert, Alex McCollum, Mark Akinson.
Ring Announcer — Sleepy Rutherford.
Ringside Physician — Dr. Kim Fuks.
Promoter — Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker — Red Fortner.
Attendance — 650 (estimated).
(11-05-86)

MICHAEL GLENN

CANADA

MANITOBA

Don LaLonde enjoyed an easy night in Winnipeg, Canada, stopping Benito Fernandez in the ninth round.

▶**WINNIPEG—Convention Centre**—Don LaLonde, 165, Winnipeg, TKO'd sacrificial lamb Benito Fernandez, also 165, Spartanburg, S.C., at 1:56 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Fernandez was up and down like a yo-yo, and failed to land more than five punches. A right hand to the temple of Fernandez caused the "contest" to be halted. LaLonde has been ranked much too highly by the world boxing organizations. Judging off this performance, he might be ready for a ranked contender in about two years. It was Fernandez's third bout in 22 days.

Tony Morrison, 184, Toronto, and Barry Forbes, 201, Winnipeg, drew, six. No knockdowns; the final scores were 58-58, 58-57, and 57-58. A good decision for a well fought bout. Forbes had big advantages in height and reach.
(11-06-86)

NOVA SCOTIA

▶**HALIFAX—Metro Center—**A promoter's nightmare hit this program, with a postponement of the originally scheduled date and then the main event fighter, Cedric Parsons of Halifax, having to pull out due to an injury suffered in training. Good cooperation between the Nova Scotia Boxing Authority and promoter Dan Proudfoot enabled another contender, Conroy Nelson, to meet Willie de Wit for the latter's Canadian heavyweight title.

The scheduled 12 saw de Wit, 214, Grand Prairie, score a TKO over Nelson, 220, Ottawa, at 2:09 of the fourth. Nelson showed little movement and was forced to take the defensive against the aggressive champion. A shot to the body floored Nelson for a nine-count in the fatal inning, and referee Hubert Earle wisely halted matters.

Chris Clarke, 149, Halifax, won a unanimous (46-45, 47-44, 46-44) decision over Donovan Bouocher, 148, Toronto, eight.

Sadik Sulemana, 165, Toronto, won a unanimous (39-34, 38-33, 38-34) decision over Pee Wee Flint, also 165, Toronto, eight.

Joe Baker, 146, Detroit, dropped Wayne Gordon, 147, Halifax, three times in the second for a TKO at 2:01 of the round. It was scheduled for six.

Wade Parsons, 213, Halifax, won a close split verdict over Danny Goguen, 211, Moncton, four.

Referees—P. Talbot, Honey Carvey, H. Earle.
Judges—F. Wilson, F. McNeil, R. Bryden, D. McMillan.
Ring Announcer—P. Connolly.
Ringside Physicians—E. Johnson, A.R. Sebastian.
Promoter—Dan Proudfoot.
Attendance—5,500.
(11-10-86)

ONTARIO

▶**TORONTO—St. Lawrence Market**—Conroy Nelson, 215, Ottawa, won a unanimous (79-74, 77-75, 79-75) decision over Jimmy Gradson, 206, Toronto, eight. Gradson was the aggressor and gave Nelson all that he could handle. There were no knockdowns. Nelson's cleaner blows and better boxing copped the verdict.

Frenchy Langlois, 147, St. Catharines, Ont., kayoed Reginald Strckland, 143, Cincinnati, in 0:58 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. (Is "Reginald" the same as Jerry Strickland?)

Pat McWilliams, 146, Scarborough, TKO'd Kevin Marmara, 147, Oshawa, at 1:43 of the fourth and final session.

Guy Normandeau, 160, St. Catharines, kayoed John Howard, 155, Cincinnati, in 1:20 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Referees—Ed Gaudet, Bobby Bell.
Judges—C. Williams, L. Browning, R. Walton.
Timekeepers—A. Paris, F. Shillilo.
Ring Announcer—M. Males.
Ring Physicians—A. Hacker. A. Murray.
Promoter—Benny D'Amico.
(10-14-86)

▶**TORONTO—St. Lawrence Market**—Two scheduled date changes and one "no show" played havoc at the gate and left the promoter mired in red ink.

Tony Morrison, 176, Toronto, TKO'd tough Jerry Harris, 177, Elkhart, Ind., at 2:19 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. There were no knockdowns, but the fight was all Morrison after round three. The scores were 50-46, 50-45, and 49-46 after five.

Nedrae Simmons, 127, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Mario Diaz, 130, Toronto, eight. Scores were 79-68, 80-75, and 78-74.

Efren Brown, 149, Elkhart, TKO'd Billy Sponagle, 152, Toronto, at 0:49 of the sixth and final round.

Chico Hernandez's opponent failed to appear, so Hernandez boxed a three-round exhibition with John Kalbhenn. Both are from Toronto.

Referees—F. Chretien, H. Davis.
Judges—L. Browning, F. Bullard, B. Trimbee.
Timekeepers—A. Paris, F. Shillilo.
Ring Announcer—S. Luftspring.
Ringside Physicians—A. Hacker. A. Murray.
Promoter—Hugo Hernandez.
(11-04-86)

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QUEBEC

▶**MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Arena**—Remo DiCarlo, 134½, Toronto, retained his Canadian lightweight title with a unanimous (119-112, 119-111, 120-112) decision over Peter Cunningham, 134, Edmonton, 12.

Muhammad Eltassi, 164½, Winnipeg, won a unanimous decision over Deano Clavet, 164¼, LaSalle, 10. Best fight on the card. The scores were 100-91, 98-94, and 97-94.

Andy Formagie, 174½, Montreal, won a unanimous (79-75, 79-73, 80-74) decision over Terry Jesmer, 173½, Winnipeg, eight.

Richard Gagnon, 155½, Montreal, kayoed Tim Pruden, 155¼, in 0:44 of the first round in their scheduled eight.

Darrell Henegan, 191¼, Montreal, won a majority (39-38, 38-38, 39-38) decision over Daniel Desrochers, 185½, Sorel, four.

Bill Dunlop, 121¼, Montreal, TKO'd Richard Thibault, 124, Montreal, at 2:47 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Referees—R. Doutre, J. Simpson, Guy Jutras.
Judges—M. Mailhot, Montpetit, Nadeau, Theroux, Lapointe.
Timekeepers—O. Marchessault, N. Nichilo.
Ring Announcer—R. Rivest.
Ringside Physicians—P. Meunier, L. Leclerc.
Promoter—George Cherry, Inc.
Attendance—2,780.
(10-14-86)

FRANK ALLNUTT

PUERTO RICO

▶**SAN JUAN—San Juan Hotel**—Bantamweight contender Wilfredo Vasquez knocked out Chicago-based Mexican Jesus Muniz in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Callejas, who has not fought in a year, stepped out of this one at the last moment due to a supposed ear infection. Differences with manager Pepito Cordero may have been the real reason.

Joe Rivera, 130, kayoed Luis Rivera, 131, in the first round of their scheduled 10. Joe has a promising career ahead of him.

Victor Claudio, 169, kayoed Victor Dominguez, 168, in the third round. Claudio's last start was a kayo loss to Davey Moore in Atlantic City.

Dominican junior featherweight Julio Gervasiowon won a split decision over local Atilano Quinones, six.

Fernando Maldonado, 133, made his pro debut with a spectacular right cross knockout over Juan Lebron Ramos, 137, in the first round.

Antonio Fuentes and Samuel Santiago drew, four, featherweights.

Francisco J. Fuentes and Juan Rosado drew, four bantamweights.
(10-04-86)

▶**AGUADILLA**—Big-time boxing came back to this little west coast town when former WBC heavyweight champion Pinklon Thomas halted local Narciso (Cisco) Maldonado in the fifth round, forcing referee Jimmy Pena to call a halt at 2:32 of the session. Maldonado suffered a total of three knockdowns — one in the third round and two in the fifth.

This was Thomas' first start since his title losing bout with Trevor Berbick. "I'm leaving for the WBC convention in Aruba right away," he said, "to start campaigning for a return title match with the winner of Berbick-Tyson."

Undefeated flyweight contender Rafael (Baby) Caban won a unanimous decision over Miami-based Cuban Luis (Kid) Monzote in the 10-round co-feature. Monzote was down in round three.

Local welterweight Eric Hernandez made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Rodolfo Pedrero, four.

Carlos Cartagena kayoed Edwin Ruiz in the third round, lightweights.
(10-16-86)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

EUROPE

GERMANY

▶**GIFHORN**—Horst Schulze, 191, stopped fellow German Herbert Wegner, 177¼, in round two. Wegner, who was making his pro debut with no amateur experience, took a count of nine before referee Egmont Bibow called a halt.

Jurgen Broszeit, 152, kayoed Niyazi Aytekin, also 152, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight. Egmonat Bibows, referee.

Nowak Radanovic, 196, Yugoslavia, halted German southpaw Sigfried Kohler, 192½, in the fourth round. A clash of heads left Kohler with a bad cut on his eyebrow, and referee Werner Kacimir stopped the bout.

Salvador Yanez, 149¼, stopped Zelijko Seslak, 152, at 2:40 of the first round on a similar cut.

Harold Schulte, 173, won a close decision over Josef

WORLD RATINGS
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HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
2. Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
3. James Smith (U.S.)
4. James Douglas (U.S.)
5. Carl Williams (U.S.)
6. James Broad (U.S.)
7. Mike Tyson (U.S.)
8. Tyrell Biggs (U.S.)
9. Gerry Cooney (U.S.)
10. Renaldo Snipes (U.S.)
11. Elijah Tillery (U.S.)
12. Larry Alexander (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
1. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
2. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
3. Dwight M. Qawi (U.S.)
4. Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
5. Bert Cooper (U.S.)
6. Henry Tillman (U.S.)
7. Dorcey Gaymon (U.S.)
8. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
9. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
10. Henry Tillman (U.S.)
11. Angelo Rottoli (Italy)
12. Jose Flores (Uruguay)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
3. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
4. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
5. Charles Williams (U.S.)
6. J.B. Willamson (U.S.)
7. David Sears (U.S.)
8. Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
9. Richard Caramonolis (France)
10. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
11. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
12. Kelvin Kelly (U.S.)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
2. Don LaLonde (Canada)
3. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
4. Marvin Mack (U.S.)
5. Frank Winterstein (France)
6. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
7. Jorge Amparo (U.S.)
8. Chuck Walker (U.S.)
9. Doug Sam (Australia)
10. Everett Martin (U.S.)
11. Nicky Walker (U.S.)
12. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. Thomas Hearns (U.S.)
2. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
3. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
4. Michael Olajide (Canada)
5. James Kinchen (U.S.)
6. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
7. Michael Nunn (U.S.)
8. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
9. Don Lee (U.S.)
10. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
11. Frank Tate (U.S.)
12. Errol Christie (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Buster Drayton
1. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
2. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
3. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
4. Donald Curry (U.S.)
5. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
6. John Mugabi (Uganda)
7. Davey Moore (U.S.)
8. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
9. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
10. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)
11. Mark Medal (U.S.)
12. John David Jackson (U.S.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
2. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
3. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
4. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
5. David Hilton (Canada)
6. Simon Brown (U.S.)
7. Mark Breland (U.S.)
8. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
9. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
10. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)
11. Miguel Arroyo (Argentina)
12. Luis Santana (U.S.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
1. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
2. Frankie Warren (U.S.)
3. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
4. Gary Hinton (U.S.)
5. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
6. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
7. Akio Kameda (Japan)
8. John Wesley Meekins (U.S.)
9. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
10. Andy Nance (U.S.)
11. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
12. Harold Brazier (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jimmy Paul (U.S.)
1. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
2. Terrence Alli (U.S.)
3. Frankie Randall (U.S.)
4. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
5. Livingstone Bramble (U.S.)
6. Vincent Pazienza (U.S.)
7. Meldrick Taylor (U.S.)
8. Pernell Whitaker (U.S.)
9. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (U.S.)
10. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
11. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
12. Greg Haugen (U.S.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
2. Johnny de la Rosa (U.S.)
3. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
4. Tomas Da Cruz (Brazil)
5. Kenny Baysmore (U.S.)
6. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
7. Chil-Sung Chun (Korea)
8. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
9. John Sichula (Zambia)
10. Lester Ellis (Australia)
11. Juan LaPorte (U.S.)
12. Mario Martinez (Mexico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
1. Kwon Churl (Korea)
2. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
3. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
4. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
5. Richard Savage (U.S.)
6. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
7. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
8. Jae-Yong Hwang (Korea)
9. Felipe Julio (Columbia)
10. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
11. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
12. Jose Marmolejo (Panama)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ji-Won Kim (Korea)
1. Prayurasak Muangsurin (Thailand)
2. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
3. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
4. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
5. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
6. Yun-Yap Choi (Korea)
7. Chan-Yung Park (Korea)
8. Yong-Woon Park (Korea)
9. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
10. Little Holmes (Indonesia)
11. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
12. Joo-Do Chun (Korea)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Fenech (Australia)
1. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
2. Ki-Yul Kang (Korea)
3. Antoine Montero (France)
4. Chong-Kwan Chung (Korea)
5. Francisco Alvarez (Columbia)
6. Miguel Maturana (Columbia)
7. Kelvin Seabrooks (U.S.)
8. Jorge Diaz (U.S.)
9. Azael Moran (Panama)
10. Jose Sanabria (U.S.)
11. Jesus Salud (U.S.)
12. Frankie Duarte (U.S.)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Elly Pical (Indonesia)
1. Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
2. Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)
3. Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)
4. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Rep.)
5. Alain Limarola (France)
6. Raul Diaz (Columbia)
7. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
8. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
9. Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
10. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
11. William Ramos (Puerto Rico)
12. Jun Resma (Philippines)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
1. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
2. Jung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
3. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
4. Bi-Wong Chung (Korea)
5. Orlando Bohol (Philippines)
6. Henry Brent (U.S.)
7. Ramon Medal (U.S.)
8. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
9. Mikio Uchita (Japan)
10. Thanosak Singbobe (Thailand)
11. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
12. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jun-Hwan Choi (Korea)
2. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
3. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
4. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
5. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
6. Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
7. Rex Ikeda (Japan)
8. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
9. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
10. Jae-Suk Park (Korea)
11. Masaharu Kawakami (Japan)
12. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)

Kossman, 168¾, four.
Lutz Steppke, 146½, made his pro debut by outpointing 40-year-old Klaus Hein, 146¼, four.
Profi Box Team. Niedersachsen.
Matchmaker—Helmut Slomke.
Attendance—350.
(09-06-86)

▶**BERLIN—Ice Stadium**—Alex Blanchard, 173, Netherlands, retained his European light heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over Ralf Rocchigiani, 174, 12. There was a great deal of holding, and British referee John Coyle had his hands full. Rocchigiani suffered his second loss against 16 wins and three draws.
Southpaw Graciano Rocchigiani, 172, won the German light heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Manfred Jassmann, 175, 10. Kurt Halbach refereed the bout—his last assignment. Halbach, 68, has gone into retirement, having refereed 94 German title bouts (27 in Berlin), 52 European, 13 world, and one Commonwealth. Graciano Rocchigiani is now 18-0 in the pro ranks.
German light middleweight champion Erwin Heiber, 150, and Kid Taylor, 147¾, Netherlands, drew, eight. Heiber is now 18-3-6.
Mike Wissenbach, 172, halted fellow German Harald Schulte, 169¼, in round two.
Michael Simuwelu, 230, stopped Britain's Ian Priest, 209½, on a cut in the second round. Simuwelu, the heavyweight champion of Zambia, has now recorded 10 straight wins.
Carlton Warren, 162¼, Great Britain, and Agamali Yilderim, 165¼, drew, four. The decision was an obvious gift to the locally based Turk.
Promoter—Wilfried Sauerland.
Matchmaker—Ebby Thust.
Attendance—3,851.
(10-03-86)

▶**RUSSELSHEIM**—Southpaw Jose Varela, 146½, won the vacant European welterweight title by stopping Brahim Messaoudi, 145, France, in the fifth round of a scheduled 12. Karel Klynod, referee. Varela is now 25-0 with 20 kayoes. Messaoudi is 20-2-1 with 13 wins inside the distance.
Former European lightweight champion Rene Weller, 137¼, outpointed Feisal Naifer, also 137¼, eight. Kurt Stroer, referee.
Zambian heavyweight champion Michael Simuwelu, 208¼, knocked out American Dan Murphy, 194, in 1:55 of the first round. Simuwelu is now 11-0—all knockouts.
Italian-based Argentinian Carlos Prieto, 146, outscored American Rick Kaiser, 146¼, eight. Egmont Bibow, referee.
Claudio Nitti, 134½, outscored German junior lightweight champion Theo Hauser, also 134½, six.
Promoters—Otto Graf, Rene Kessler.
Attendance—4,000 (estimated).
(10-10-86)

JACK A. TREE

ORIENT

GUAM

▶**AGANA—University of Guam Field House**—Phil Chlarson, 132, Guam, defeated Korean Yea-Moon Yuh, 130½, via a majority decision, 10.
Mike de Guzman, a veteran Filipino at 149, stopped Fred Cing, Guam, 147, in the sixth round of the first 10.
Jerome Tomagan, Philippines, six.
Joesph Hattori, 131, TKO'd Larry Petros, 132, at 1:51 of the first round in a scheduled four.
Jess Torre, 134, stopped Jeff Hattori, 135, at 2:09 of the second session in the first four.
Bob Dames' B & F, Promotions.
(09-20-86)

ENRIQUE S.M. AFLAGUE and JOE KOIZUMI

JAPAN

▶**NAGOYA—Tsurumai Public Arena**—Kiyoshi Hatanaka, an unbeaten prospect, 117, ran his log to 11-0 with seven kayoes as he easily demolished Masaki Sono, 117, at 2:59 of the second round in a scheduled 10.
Hatanaka, the WBC's 28th ranked super flyweight, had beaten Tadashi Maruo, the current Japanese titlist, months before in Tokyo. They will meet again in the Carnival of Champions early in 1987.
Makoto Ito, 142¼, won a shutout unanimous decision over Tricky Kawaguchi, 143, 10.
Tomoyuki Morimoto, 114, needed 2:18 of the first round to polish off Masakatsu Aikata, also 114, in a scheduled eight.
Promoted by the Midori Boxing Club.
Attendance — 1,000. No telecast.
(10-08-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Koichi Sugimoto, the Japanese junior bantamweight kingpin 115, lost his crown to ex-champ Tadashi Maruo, also 115, via a hairline decision, 10. The loser dropped the winner twice in the fourth round.
Scoring — referee Ken Morita, 97-96; judge Shoji Nakamori, 96-95; judge Kazunobu Asao, 97-96 — all for Maruo.
Maruo, now 13-6 with 10 kayoes, revealed a glass jaw and inferior reflexes. Sugimoto fell to 11-5-1 with three knockouts.
Kazuo Arashi, previously fighting as Kazuo Osamu, 120¾, was awarded a split decision over Hiroshi Yamamoto, 121½, 10.
Takeo Onishi, 104¼, unanimously outscored Akira Kiyono, 104½, eight.
Attendance—2,010. TBS TV.
(10-20-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Ex-Japanese junior bantam champ Kazuo Katsuma, 115, dropped a onesided decision (99-89, 99-94 and 99-92) to Shunichi Nakajima, also 115, 10.
Katsuma, 218, hit the deck in the sixth and ninth rounds, and was unable to make use of his vaunted one-two combos. Nakajima, 25, upped his log to 8-3 with five kayoes.
Katsuma, 18-12-1 with 14 knockouts, announced his retirement a few weeks later. Katsuma had a crack at Jiro Watanabe's WBC super flyweight title but was stopped in seven rounds on September 17, 1985.
Masatoshi Takeshi, 144½, overpowered lefty Yoichi Isome, 144½, eight.
Southpaw Hirohiko Yabuki, 118, unanimously decisioned Hiromitsu Tatsuki, 118, eight.
Yonekura and Shinto Promotions.
Attendance—1,930. TV Asahi.
(10-21-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—This was the second day of the finals of the A Class Prize Tourney, where the Japanese Commission's ranked main eventers compete in scheduled six and eight-round bouts.
Featherweight: Kenji Iizumi, the JBC's top ranked junior featherweight, 125½, caught tall and lanky Masahiro Takagi, 126, and finfished him at 1:24 of the seventh round.
Iizumi, the WBC's 30th ranked 122-pounder, floored Takagi in rounds four and seven. Iizumi, 19, a southpaw is now 12-1 with 10 kayoes. He will move up to the featherweight class and fight Mitsuru Sugiya for the vacant Japanese title. Takagi, 26, fell to 19-7-3 with nine kayoes.
Lightweight: Tiger Michigami, 135, scored his sixth kayo in a row by flattening Junichi Misawa, also 135, in 2:23 of the third round. The 5'2" Michigami dropped Misawa in the second and third frames.
Tiger is now 14-5 with 12 kayoes. Misawa impaired to 11-8-1 with seven kayoes.
Welterweight: Unbeaten Eiji Kikusaki, the JBC's top junior welterweight contender, 146¼, suffered his first setback, as veteran Hikaru Tomonari, 147, outmaneuvered him for a unanimous decision (78-77 and double 79-76), eight.
Tomonari, 30, is now 29-9-1 with 16 kayoes. Kikusaki, 21, fell to 14-1-1 with 12 stoppages.
Shin-Nippon Kimura and Soka Arisawa Promotions.
Attendance—2,698. Fuji TV.
(10-23-86)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Fast punching Kenji Matsumura, the JBC's fourth ranked flyweight, 111¾, was a little befuddled by the wildness and trickiness of Hitoshi Taniguchi, 112, but stopped him with a flurry of punches at 2:38 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.
Kenji, formerly a policeman and school teacher, is now 4-2 with three kayoes. The loser is 6-7-3 with five knockouts.
Shigenobu Nakamasa, the JBC's seventh ranked bantamweight, 117½, banged out Osamu Fukumoto, 117½, at 2:04 of the second session in a scheduled eight.
Kakogawa Kobe Promotions.
Attendance — 600. No telecast.
(10-25-86)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—The encounters of the *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney winners in the Osaka and Nagoya districts resulted in onesided victories for the former.
Junior flyweight. Nao Tokushima, 108, kayoed Masahiro Tsuzuki, 107, in 2:06 of the second round in a scheduled six. The winner is now 9-0 with four kayoes.
Flyweight: Due to Juichi Unno's failure to make the weight, this was fought as just a four-rounder. Yukinobu Hayashino, 112½, outscored Unno, 114¾.
Junior bantamweight: Ryuji Morishita, 115, won from Tasuya Niimi, 114¾, six. Morishita is now 5-0 with three kayoes.
Bantamweight: Masami Yoshida, 118, finished Koji Takahashi, 118, at 2:04 of the second round.
Junior featherweight: Kazuo Iga, 122, lost to Katsutoshi Yokoi, 120¾, six.
Featherweight: Seiji Asakawa, 126, demolished Takashi Yamada, 125¾, at 1:26 of the third round. Asakawa, a stablemate of Eijiro Kuruma, is now 6-0 with five kayoes.
Junior lightweight: Shoji Nishida, 130, halted Minoru Amano, 129¼, at 0:57 of the second session.
Lightweight: Akihiko Kawamura was named winner because of his scheduled opponent's withdrawal.
Junior welterweight: Narisuke Motoi, 139, scored his fifth kayo in as many fights with a one-punch knockout over Hiroyuki Takamatsu, 139½, in 0:56 of the opening canto.
Welterweight: Tatsuhiro Kawabata, 145½, finished Junichiro Hara, 145½, at 2:50 of the second canto. The winner is now 4-0 with three kayoes.
Shin-Nippon Osaka Promotions.
Attendance — 600. No telecast.
(10-26-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese bantamweight champ Mitsuo Imazato, 118, kept his title as he knocked out Kazuto Kurahachi, 117½, in 2:29 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.
This was Imazato's third defense since he recaptured the crown by outpointing Koichi Sugimoto last year. Kurahachi, in his first appearance in Tokyo, amazed the crowd with his ring talent and his power punching. The challenger dropped the champ at the bell to end the seventh, but referee Tezaki ruled the punch came after the gong.
Imazato fought back hard and almost overwhelmed Kurahachi with a barrage of punches. In round eight, Mitsuo dropped the challenger with a countering left hook, and swarmed over him as soon as he regained his feet. The gutsy challenger was stretched out prone and counted out.
Imazato, piloted by ex-world champ Fighting Harada, is now 22-9 with 12 kayoes. Kurahachi fell to 10-2 with nine kayoes.
Ex-Japanese champ Yoshimitsu Azato, 135, made a comeback, but tired in the late rounds to lose a unanimous nod (double 96-94 and 96-95) to Iwao Otomo, also 135, 10.
Azato, previously rated third by the World Boxing Association, was coming off a 16-month layoff. He looked sharp flooring the wild rookie with a fine straight right, but began to show fatigue no later than the fourth round. In the last five sessions, Otomo beat the veteran to the punch and seized the victory.
Azato fell to 18-5-1 with 11 kayoes. Otomo, the JBC's third ranked lightweight, is 10-1-1 with nine knockouts.
Attendance—1,820. Nihon TV.
Toa Fighting Promotions.
(10-30-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese welterweight champion Fujio Ozaki, 147, made his easiest defense with a one-punch kayo over Akinori Yoshida, also 147, in 0:59 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Ozaki is now 20-4 with 13 kayoes. He is ranked eighth — far too highly — by the WBA. Yoshida fell to 5-7 with two kayoes.
Unbeaten prospect Hironobu Ogiso, the JBC's fourth ranked junior welterweight, 140, hit the deck in the first round and lost a unanimous decision to Naoki Ito, also 140, 10.
Ogiso had demolished Ito in four rounds in the finals of the All-Japan Novice King tourney last March. Ito turned the tables with his constant aggressiveness. Ito upped his log to 7-1 with two kayoes. Ogiso fell to 7-1 with six stoppages.
Teiken Promotions.
Attendance — 1,800. Nihon TV.
(11-06-86)

▶**NOTES**—This reporter attended the annual convention of the World Boxing Council on October 19th to 25th in Aruba as one of the ranking advisers. The WBC sanctioned the ballyhooed matchup of Marvelous Marvin Hagler vs. Sugar Ray Leonard.
Sesson Hirasawa, the dean of Japanese boxing journalist, passed away on November 15. He was 84. Sesson started publishing his own monthly, *Boxing*, before World War II. After the war, in 1947, he resumed issuing his monthly and continued, without interruption, until four years ago. Hirasawa was a popular commentator on Nippon TV for a long time. He was also a good friend of the late Nat Fleischer who founded *The Ring* Magazine and came here many times.

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▶**TAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—WBC light flyweight kingpin Jung-Koo Chang, 107½, registered his 10th defense with a unanimous decision over Mexican Francosco Montiel, 107¾.
Seung-Hoon Lee, the WBC's top super bantamweight contender, weathered the storm of Filipino champ Little Bangoyan in the early rounds and scored well with whiplash punches to take a unanimous nod, 10. Lee is now 36-6 with 19 kayoes. Bangoyan fell to 34-5-3 with 11 knockouts.
World Promotions.
Attendance—7,000. KBS TV.
(09-13-86)

IBF super middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park retained his title with a 15-round unanimous decision over Marvin Mack in Pusan.

▶**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—IBF world super middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park successfully kept his

WORLD RATINGS BY THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (As of October 31, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
1. Mike Tyson (U.S.)
2. Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
3. Pinklon Thomas (U.S.)
4. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
5. Gerry Cooney (U.S.)
6. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
7. James (Buster) Douglas (U.S.)
8. Tyrell Biggs (U.S.)
9. James Smith (U.S.)
10. Pierre Coetzer (South Africa)

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Evander Holyfield (U.S.)
1. Bert Cooper (U.S.)
2. Dwight M. Qawi (U.S.)
3. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
4. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
5. Piet Crous (South Africa)
6. Henry Tillman (U.S.)
7. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
8. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
9. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
10. Jose M. Burlon (Uruguay)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
1. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
2. Don LaLonde (Canada)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
5. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
6. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
7. Charles Williams (U.S.)
8. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
9. Sugar Boy Malinga (South Africa)
10. Chris Reid (U.S.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
2. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
3. Thomas Hearns (U.S.)
4. James Kinchen (U.S.)
5. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
6. Michael Olajide (Canada)
7. Juan D. Roldan (Argentina)
8. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
9. Michael Nunn (U.S.)
10. Don Lee (U.S.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike McCallum (U.S.)
1. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
2. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
3. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
4. John Mugabi (Uganda)
5. Donald Curry (U.S.)
6. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
7. Julian Jackson (V.I.)
8. Pierre Winterstein (France)
9. Hugo Marinangeli (Argentina)
10. Carlos Elliott (Japan)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Harold Volbrecht (South Africa)
2. Mark Breland (U.S.)
3. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
4. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
5. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
6. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
7. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
8. Fujio Ozaki (Japan)
9. Simon Brown (U.S.)
10. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)
2. Frankie Warren (U.S.)
3. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
4. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
5. Gene Hatcher (U.S.)
6. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
7. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
8. Juan M. Coggi (Argentina)
9. John Wesley Meekins (U.S.)
10. Akinobu Hiranaka (Japan)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
1. Vinnie Pazienza (U.S.)
2. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
3. Ildemar Paisan (Venezuela)
4. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
5. Livingstone Bramble (U.S.)
6. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
7. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Frankie Randall (U.S.)
9. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
10. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Brian Mitchell (South Africa)
1. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
2. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
3. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
4. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
5. Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
6. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
7. Dwight Pratchett (U.S.)
8. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
9. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
10. Jose Rivera (Puerto Rico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Steve Cruz (U.S.)
1. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
2. Jose Marmolejo (Panama)
3. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
4. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
5. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
6. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
7. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
8. Jose M. Lopez (Argentina)
9. Jee-Yong Hwang (Korea)
10. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
1. Louie Espinoza (U.S.)
2. Tommy Valoy (Dom. Rep.)
3. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
4. Prayurasak Muangsurin (Thailand)
5. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
6. Valerio Nati (Italy)
7. James Pipps (U.S.)
8. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
9. Loris Stecca (Italy)
10. Maunel Vilchez (Venezuela)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Bernardo Pinango (Venezuela)
1. Chan-Yong Park (Korea)
2. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
3. Azael Moran (Panama)
4. Ki-Youl Kang (Korea)
5. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
6. Simon Skosana (South Africa)
7. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
8. Antoine Montero (France)
9. Frankie Duarte (U.S.)
10. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)
1. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
2. Kongtoranee Payakaroon (Thailand)
3. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
4. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
5. Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
6. Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)
7. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
8. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
9. Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)
10. Tae-Il Chang (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hilario Zapata (Panama)
1. Paul Gonzales (U.S.)
2. Rafael Cabrera (Dom. Rep.)
3. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
4. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
5. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
6. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
7. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
8. Claudemir Dias (Brazil)
9. Alain Limarola (France)
10. Miguel Mercedes (Dom. Rep.)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
1. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
2. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
3. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
4. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
5. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
6. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
7. Roy Thompson (Panama)
8. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
9. Eduardo Tunon (Panama)
10. Seiji Tomari (Japan)

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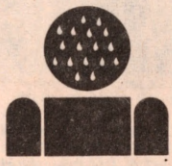
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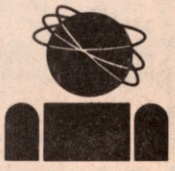
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throne for the fifth time with a unanimous verdict (145-142, 146-144, 145-141) over Marvin Mack, U.S., 15.

Park stalked the challenger with occasional one-twos, while Mack kept moving and jabbing all the way. Marvin failed to show enough determination to wrest the title in the champ's hometown. Park caught him with left and right hooks and had his left eye puffed up badly. Park had his man at bay in rounds 12 and 14.

Chong-Pal improved his credentials to 41-3-2 with 36 kayoes. Mack fell to 15-5-1 with eight knockouts.

Korea saw just two cards in September, as the country hosted the Asian Amateur Games late in the month.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC-TV.

(09-14-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Dong-Chun Lee, the WBC's fourth ranked super bantamweight, 116½, halted Filipino Jun REsma, 117, at 0:14 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

The onesided proceedings caused Resma to decide to retire after the eighth round. The KBC referee counted him out in his corner. Lee is now 26-6-1 with 12 kayoes. Jun fell to 23-7-6 with 12 kayoes.

Dong-Chun is scheduled for a crack at Elly Pical's IBF world junior bantamweight crown in Indonesia.

Tae-Yong Koh, 136½, the KBC's top lightweight contender, finished Kang Choi, 135¾, at 1:08 of the third session in the semi-final 10.

Koh is now 11-2-3 with four kayoes. Choi fell to 11-2 with six knockouts.

Waryong Promotions.

(10-11-86)

▶**SUWON—Suwon High School Gymnasium**—Former OPBF junior bantam champ Tae-Il Chang, 116¾, survived a fourth round knockdown, and disposed of Filipino titlist Ruben de la Cruz, 116½, at 3:08 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Chang, a lanky lefty, was inactive due to a liver disease in 1985. He has scored a string of wins since his comeback.

Chang is now 20-2-1 with nine kayoes. Cruz impaired to 28-5-4 with 11 knockouts.

In the semi-final 10, fast-rising Chil-Sung Chun, 132¼, the bronze medalist in the Los Angeles Olympic Games, pounded out a unanimous nod over Filipino Lule Villaverde, 131¼.

Chun, beaten by Pernell Whitaker in L.A., has now scored four wins in as many pro bouts. Lule, a veteran, dropped to 45-11-4 with 18 kayoes.

Palpal Promotions.

(10-17-86)

▶**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—It was the most sensational encounter witnessed this year in Korea: the OPBF junior middleweight champ vs. the OPBF welterweight titlist.

In-Chul Baek, the WBC's fourth ranked contender, 153¾, made use of his whiplash left jabs, scored a valuable knockdown, and retained his title via a unanimous decision over Jun-Sok Hwang, 153½, in 12 hot frames.

Jun-Sok occasionally caught the slow starting Baek with his good right hook. But Baek floored Hwang with a well-timed right uppercut. Only his toughness and guts enabled Hwang to escape. Baek proceeded to rack up the points steadily.

Scoring: referee Jin-Kuk Kim, 118-113; Chul-Hee Han, 118-115; Bon-Ki Kim, 118-113 — all for In-Chul.

Baek, 39-1 with 36 kayoes, may relinquish his OPBF throne for an opportunity to face the winner of the John Mugabi vs. Duane Thomas WBC super welterweight title eliminator.

Hwang, who fought very well, fell to 34-3 with 23 knockouts. The crowd praised Hwang's constant aggressiveness and his winning of the last round with a desperate attack.

In the semi-final 10, Young-Kil Chung, Korean welterweight champ ranked 17th by the WBC, 146¾, kept his crown by finishing In-Sun Kim, 147, at 1:30 of the seventh round.

Chung is now 19-3-2- with 13 knockouts. Kim is 8-3 with six kayoes.

Dong-A Promotions. KBS-TV.

(10-18-86)

▶**SOKCHO—Student Arena**—OPBF bantamweight kingpin Ki-Youl Kang, 117¾, retained his crown with a unanimous verdict over Filipino Elmer Cubillas, 117¾, 12.

Chun Huh, the WBC's 19th ranked light flyweight, is a 5'8" stylist who punches. Chun, 116¾, moved up two classes to the super flyweight division, and scored an impressive kayo over Hee-Sok Kim, 116¾, at 2:38 of the second round in a supporting 10.

Chun, a Korean version of Mario Miranda, is now 17-1 with 11 knockouts. Kim is 18-5-3 with seven kayoes.

Ilhwa Promotions.

(10-19-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chan-Young Park, the WBA's top ranked bantamweight, 123, copped a shutout decision (double 100-90 and 100-93) over Little Bangoyan, Filipino junior feather boss, also 123, 10.

Park, who dropped his elusive opponent with a barrage in the seventh, Park is 24-3-2 with eight knockouts. Bangoyan is 34-7-3 with 11 kayoes.

Shi-Il Kim, 127½, demolished Kang-Won Kim, 128, at 1:26 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Kim is now 10-1-1 with three kayoes.

Dong-A Promotions.

(10-19-86)

▶**EIJOUNGBU—City Arena**—Two Korean title bouts were the attractions.

Jae-Hyung Yuh, the Korean junior middleweight champ, ranked 23rd by the WBC, 153¼, kept his crown with a unanimous decision over Sang-Do Chung, 153¾, 10.

Yuh is now 28-4 with 24 kayoes. Chung fell to 10-3-2 with three knockouts.

Ha-Shik Lim, 107½, became the new Korean junior flyweight champion with a technical decision over Bong-Jun Kim, 108, in the fourth session of a scheduled 10.

Lim suffered a gash over the left eyebrow due to a clash of heads in the third round. Another butt, in the next session, widened the cut, and the referee stopped the bout.

Scoring: double 40-39, all for Ha-Shik. Kim had beaten Japanese prospect Hideyuki Ohashi in Japan last March. Ohashi, who later won the Japanese crown, will fight Jung-Koo Chang for the WBC throne this December.

Lim is now 17-9-2 with three kayoes. Kim fell to 10-4-2 with two knockouts.

Saeki Promotions.

(10-25-86)

▶**POHAN—Pohan Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, 140, seized the OPBF junior welterweight crown a close but unanimous decision over defending champ Kyung-Dok Ahn, ranked fourth by the WBC, 12. It was a dull fight except for round six, when the KBC referee gave Ahn a standing eight count. The champ was staggered by a solid right hand followed by a hook.

Ahn, behind on points, turned loose with from the seventh on. Lee, however, did not mix it up.

(11-01-86)

▶**SOONCHUN—High School Gymnasium**—Sung-Yun Kim, the OPBF junior lightweight champ ranked fourth by the WBA, 130, was awarded a technical decision over Eijiro Kuruma, the Japanese featherweight titlist, 129¾, to retain his crown in a scheduled 12.

Kim began bleeding from a cut over his left optic in the second round. Sung-Yun connected with short punches and scored points, but his gash widened as the fight progressed. Kuruma threw occasional right crosses, aiming at the cut. The KBC referee had the ring physician examine the cut and then halted the proceedings.

Scoring: referee Hwan-Soo Yuh and judge Dae-In Chung, both 60-57; judge Ryoji Kashiwagi (Japan), 59-57—all for Kim.

Sung-Yun is now 25-4 with 12 kayoes. Kuruma fell to 25-9-3 with 10 stoppages.

(11-02-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Former IBF world flyweight champ Chung-Kwan Chung, 119¼, was knocked out by unheralded Filipino Jun Llano, 119¾, in 0:41 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Chung hit the deck in the second and fifth rounds — both knockdowns due to wicked hooks.

Dong-A Promotions.

(11-07-86)

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PHILIPPINES

▶**CEBU CITY**—Former Filipino junior welterweight champ Ruben Rabago, 140, was awarded a technical knockout over Bert Lozano, the GAB's eighth ranked lightweight, 138¼, in a scheduled 10.

With Lozano's left eye puffed up badly, his cornerman wisely threw the towel. Engr. L. Babiera Jr. refereed. The 32-year-old Rabago will attempt to win back the Filipino crown in the 140-pound class.

Cleso (Boy) Arreglo, 118, earned a unanimous nod over ex-Filipino flyweight boss Ric Barimbad, 116¼, 10. Steve Blanco refereed.

Rod de los Santos, 137, outscored Deo Rabago, 136, 10.

Promoter — Lino H. Regner.

GAB witness — Aproniano O. Plenos.

(09-06-86)

▶**POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO**—Nick Ampong, 116, TKO'd Pepito Simblante, 120, in the first round of a scheduled 10.

Noli de Guia, 147, scored an upset technical knockout over Sil Sarana, also 147, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.

Marben Samson, 133, unanimously decisioned Zacarias Daclison, 130, 10.

Promoter—Benjamin Aguirre.

GAB witness — Jaime P. Mata.

(09-07-86)

▶**GUINDULMAN, BOHOL**—Jun Simbajon, 122, stopped Boy Lim, 122, in the eigth round of a scheduled 10. Virgelio Gamutan refereed.

Promoter — Carlos Lusing.

GAB witness — Leonardo R. Angel.

(09-04-86)

▶**GUINDULMAN, BOHOL**—Bert Baco, 116, was held to a split draw by Rio Gamutan, 116, 10. Virgelio Gamutan refereed.

Promoter — Inocensio Aldepolla.

GAB witness — Leonardo R. Angel.

(09-05-86)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Underdog Rolando Bohol, 114, won a unanimous duke over veteran Allan Makitoki, 113, 10. Makitoki, who knocked down ex-world champ Koji Kobayashi before losing a close decision in Tokyo, quite befuddled by the shifty 19-year-old prospect. Vic Valdez refereed.

Ex-Filipino lightweight boss Gerron Porras, 131½, won a unanimous decision over Sugar Ray Adonis, 132, 10.

Promoter — Laura S. Elorde.

GAB witness — Carlos Dizon.

(09-10-86)

▶**MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL**—Bonifacio Bahian, 109, earned a unanimous verdict over Jojo Molina, Jr., also 109, 10. Geroge Dolotallas refereed.

Ray Balaba, 140, TKO'd Errol Bartolaba, also 140, in the second round of the semi-final 10.

Promoter — Dr. Antonio Almirante.

GAB witness — Peter D. Beja.

(09-10-86)

▶**MATI, DAVAO OR.**—Boy Ligas, 127, was held to a majority draw by Tony Cinco, 126, 10.

Promoter — Julian Tan, Jr.

GAB witness — Jaime P. Mata.

(09-12-86)

▶**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Bobby Pinos, 121½, weathered the best punches of hard hitting Bonnie Castillo, also 121½, and outslugged him to win a unanimous decision, 10. V. Deocariza refereed.

Louie Llago, 132, won a unanimous nod over Gary Melanes, 133, eight. Promoter — Felixberto Jardenil.

GAB witnesses — Leonardo Trinidad Carlos Roman.

(09-12-86)

▶**OLONGAPO CITY—Int. Youth Center**—Juanito Favila, 127, scored a unanimous decision over veteran Pablo Pepito, 125, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Felix Enero, 117, won a unanimous decision over Al Sicat, also 117, 10.

Arsenio Perez, 111½, won a technical decision over Ric Santiago, 112, in a scheduled 10.

Promoter — Dennis Fernandez.

GAB witnesses — Daz Adriano and Rudy Perez.

(09-12-86)

▶**SULTAN KUDARAT**—Kid Kanashiro, 114, and Tim Balantay, 115, battled to a split draw, 10.

Promoter — Carmelino Buenaflor.

(09-12-86)

▶**GINGO-OG CITY**—Roger Quisaba, 130, won a majority decision over Jun Quiamco, also 130, 10. Jorge del Rosario refereed.

Promoter — Nick Galarpe.

GAB witness — Julio B. Caldoza.

(09-13-86)

▶**DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Ben Capagngan, 122, fought to a unanimous draw with Jun Paciones, 121, 10. Aleria refereed.

Boy Romero, 140, outscored Erning Querobin, also 140, 10.

Promoter — Ofelia Lumangtad.

GAB witness — Jaime P. Mata.

(09-13-86)

▶**DIWALWAL, DAVAO**—Edwin Inocencio, 110, the GAB's top mini-flyweight contender, chalked up a TKO victory over Pablo Hoyle, also 110, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter — Saturnino Alagon.

GAB witness — Romeo Fordaliza.

(09-20-86)

▶**DAVAO CITY—CYO Gym**—Gil Ragas, 120, won a unanimous decision over Rodrigo (Boy) Lopez, also 120, 10. Romeo Alfante refereed.

Arman Pecar, 147, lost a unanimous nod to Fernando Gloria, also 147, 10.

Joseph Glagaran and Mike Potolin, both 112, drew, 10.

Roger Sumampong, 113, eked out a majority nod over Johnny Ebo, also 113, 10.

Thamie Thongco, 121, dropped a decision to Nestor Baino, also 121, 10.

Promoter — Domingo Arenas.

GAB witness — Jaime P. Mata.

(09-20-86)

▶**QUEZON CITY—Trinity College**—Ramon Torren, 113, won a split decision over Sammy Baculong, 111, 10.

Leon Collins, 121, took a unanimous nod over Fel Aporto, 122½, 10.

Manasseh Base, 112½, unanimously decisioned Ariel Samson, 111, 10. Maj. Deocariza refereed.

▶**QUEZON, BUKIDNON**—William Baring, 130, earned a split duke over Nick Caputol, also 130, 10.

Carlos Parcia, 135, TKO'd Dario Melinda, 137, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10.

Promoter — Neptali Bokingo.

(09-21-86)

▶**KISOLONG, BUKDNON**—Elor Galecia, 126, won from Jun Ronald Acepo, also 126, 10. Tata Calonia refereed.

Promoter — Lolito Tuemo.

GAB witness — Peter D. Beja.

(09-21-86)

▶**MANDALUYONG—Cockpit Area**—Filipino junior lightweight champ Lule Villaverde, 130, scored his first victory over Ronaldo Sumalis, ex-Filipino bantam and feather boss, 131, in their third encounter, 10.

Nilo Acido, 136, and Pastor Arcaya, 138, bled continually from the fourth round on, the former winning a split nod, 10.

Hilberto Aragon, 126, TKO'd Fernando Ang, 125, at 2:45 of the fourth session in their scheduled 10.

▶**GLAN, SOUTH COTABATO**—Allan Baring, 130, was awarded a split decision over Nick Caputol, 130, 10. Ricardo Lara refereed.

Dario Melida, 137, lost to Carlos Parcia, 135, on a sixth round TKO in their scheduled 10.

Promoter — Cecilia Gido Pagaran.

GAB witness — Rodrigo Javier.

(09-27-86)

▶**PADADA, DAVAO DE SUR**—Al Vargas, 133, fought to a technical draw with Zacarias Dacilison, 133, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Romeo Alfante refereed.

Promoter — Victor Quiambao.

(09-27-86)

▶**ILIGAN CITY—City Auditorium**—Sonny Vidal, 108, stopped Cesar de la Cruz, also 108, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Jun Toregosa, 115, stopped Ali Lumiran, 116, in the third canto of their scheduled 10.

Arnold Sclitario, 111, unanimously decisioned John Medina, 110, 10.

Promoter — Monico Galarpe.

GAB's witness — Danilo Y. Waban.

(09-27-86)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Bernabe Aliping, 132½, unanimously decisioned Louie Llage, 131½, 10.

Constancio Dangla, 119, won from Bobby Pinos, 118½, 10.

Promoter — Raffy Panagan.

(09-27-86)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Hard punching junior bantamweight Edel Geronimo made short work of Thai Petchainat Donjadee, stopping him at just 1:05 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Edel, 23, sent the Thai to the deck with a solid straight right followed by a left hook. Donjadee got up and tried to resume fighting, but was soon reeling to the ropes from Geronimo's

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▶**CEBU CITY**—Rolando Navares, a local flyweight favorite, halted Jun Cedeno in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. The referee saw declared Jun unfit to continue due to a cut over his left eyebrow. The hard punching Rolando floored Cedeno with a solid right hook to the chin in round two.

Jun's elder brother, Frank Cedeno, the former WBC flyweight champ, engaged in three-round exhibitions with Gerzon Brago and Juanito Alferez.
(10-14-86)

▶**BAGUIO—Baguio College Foundation Gym**—Ex-Filipino featherweight champ Al Llanita took a majority decision over Elmer Pendog, 10.

Mon Desoloc, a late substitue, stopped Joe Salvador in the fifth round.

Tony Agalatiw won a majority duke over Lorenzo Formanez, 10.

Dionisio Esteban stopped Gary Lanes in the first 10.
(10-13-86)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Romy Navarrete, younger brother of former WBC super featherweight champ Rolando, won the Filipino flyweight crown with a majority decision over Dadoy Andujar, 10.

Loremer Pontino stopped Ric Bajelot in the seventh round of a supporting 10.

▶**NOTES**—The GAB (Games and Amusements Board) stripped Jongjong Pacquing of his Filipino lightweight title. He failed to appear for a scheduled defense against Lito Pena in Baguio City on September 27th. The GAB nominated Pena as the new champ.

The Board may declare the title vacant and order an official eliminator between Pena and another top contender.

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THAILAND

▶**KLONG KHUM—Siam Park Stadium**—WBC flyweight champ Sot Chitalada, scored a technical knockout over Moon-Jin Choi in the ninth round of a scheduled non-title 10. Sot wasn't in good shape and lacked his usual speed. Choi was in even worse condition.

Sot is now 10-1-1 with six kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Rocky Chitalada, a deaf-mute, TKO'd another Korean, Ho-Hyun Kim, in the sixth.

Attendance — 700
(08-31-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ngadum S. Yannava, 115, suffered an upset TKO loss to Veeradech S. Vechanan, 115, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(10-01-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Laemthon Sor Vorasingh, newphew of former WBC light flyweight boss Netrnoi, seems to love changing his ring name. His new *nombre* is Kaomeng Kiatnumchoke; his last was Thong Lanjaopraya. Kaomeng, 117, stopped Pinthuman Laudaryutnaya, 120, in the first round of a scheduled six.
(10-02-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sirimongkol Temudom, 105, easily finished Roongdech Jr. Sakcharern, also 105, in the third round of a scheduled six. The winner is now 9-1 with three kayoes.
(10-03-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Phansaknoi Kiatkraisorn, the TBC's second ranked lightweight, 136, met Samor Laudaryuthaya, 134, for the third time and scored a knockout, for the third time, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(10-08-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thavat Kiatpaungjinda, 112, won a unanimous nod over Raveenoi Harnravee, 112, six.
(10-09-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Chane Rungroj, an American black born in Thailand, 130, stopped Vinai S. Savatdi, 129, in the fifth round of a scheduled six. Chane, the TBC's top lightweight contender, is now 11-1 with nine kayoes.
(10-10-86)

▶**BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Sot Chitalada, 115, engaged in a non-title go and finished Nakaraj Kiatsonthaya, 117, in the third canto of a scheduled 10. Chitalada is now 11-1-1 with seven kayoes.
(10-12-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Trang Sithseiy, 106, unanimously decisioned Dechubol Lookborvon, 106, six.
(10-13-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Noree Jockygym, the TBC's third ranked flyweight, 119, easily outpointed Veeradech S. Vechanan, 118, six. Noree is now 12-4 with five knockouts.
(10-14-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Rakchai Kiatsonthaya, 125, floored Pohnumgern Sithseemoke, 124, in the third session and stopped him in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(10-17-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Berkrerk Sithseiy, 105, took a unanimous nod over Lertthai Chuchokchai, 105, six.
(10-19-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongberm Lookmatulee, 133, stopped Kwanchai S. Sinantha, 130, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(10-21-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thunjai Kiattavatchai, 111, fought a furious battle with Komphayak Kiatchaodin, 112, stopping the latter in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(10-25-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Eak Dojadee, 120, the TBC's top ranked flyweight, lost an upset decision to former *Muay-Thai* battler Mekapat Singnernsaun, 120, six. Eak had to lose three pounds in the morning, and he seemed to lack his usual zip.
(10-27-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakad Petchyindee, the Thai lightweight champ, 134, became the new OPBF lightweight kingpin by stopping Australian boss Dale Artango, 131, in the sixth round of a scheduled 12-round eliminator. Petchyindee was formerly known as Sakad Porntavee.
(10-28-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thanomsak Sitbaobay won the vacant OPBF flyweight by stopping Indonesian champ Anburi Sanusi in the fourth round of a scheduled 12.

Sitbaobay is now 11-0 with five kayoes.
(10-15-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Putt Ohyuthanakorn, 109, the Thai junior flyweight champ, TKO'd Klairung (Sithpayak) Lookpayom, also 109, in the sixth session of a scheduled six.
(10-29-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Trang Sithseiy, 106, outpointed Cheip Kiatmaungtrang, also 106, six.
(10-30-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Downmai Sithkodom, 125, lost an upset decision to former Thai featherweight champion Chor Hhaphalang, also 125, six. Chor, 30, was the underdog due to his poor recent showings.
(10-31-86)

▶**NOTES**—The biggest topics in Thai boxing are WBA junior bantamweight champion Kaosai Galaxy's impressive kayo of Israel Contreras in Curacao on November 1, and the OPBF annual convention of October 13 to 15.

The OPBF presidency will be moved to Australia for two years November 1. Thailand's Boxing Commission has done a good job as the headquarters of the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation for the past two years.

This reporter attended the convention as an observer. There were some important discussions.

JOE KOIZUMI

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Making a return to the ring after 11 months, and having to take off a great deal of weight, Australian welterweight champion Brian Janssen, 146, defended his title against active Graeme Looker, 144½. Brian had his work cut out retaining his seat on the throne.

Judge Denzil Creed carded 116-114 in favor of Janssen. Judge Steve Scott saw it 116-115, Janssen, but judge Eddie Francis scored 116-115 in favor of Looker. Non-scoring referee was Alan Moore.

It was a good and hard fight, though not up to the class of most of Janssen's epics. The champion was the aggressor and landed the better punches. Looker moved well but his punches were ineffective. One knockdown — Janssen decked Looker in round five with a right to the head.

Looker fought the best fight of his career.

Australian junior welterweight champion Pat Leglise, 142½, had an easy passage over eight two-minute rounds against lanky Percy Israel, 142½. Leglise dictated the encounter to win every round. Israel showed courage but was outclassed.

Graeme Jeffries, 138, outpointed Johnny Fooks, 138, eight. Jeffries, 138, won easily, losing only one round.

Jamie Tracey, 148½, outpointed Laurie Howe, 153, six. A rough fight.

In another six, Peter Short, 112, outpointed Col Milton, 110. Quite a good one.

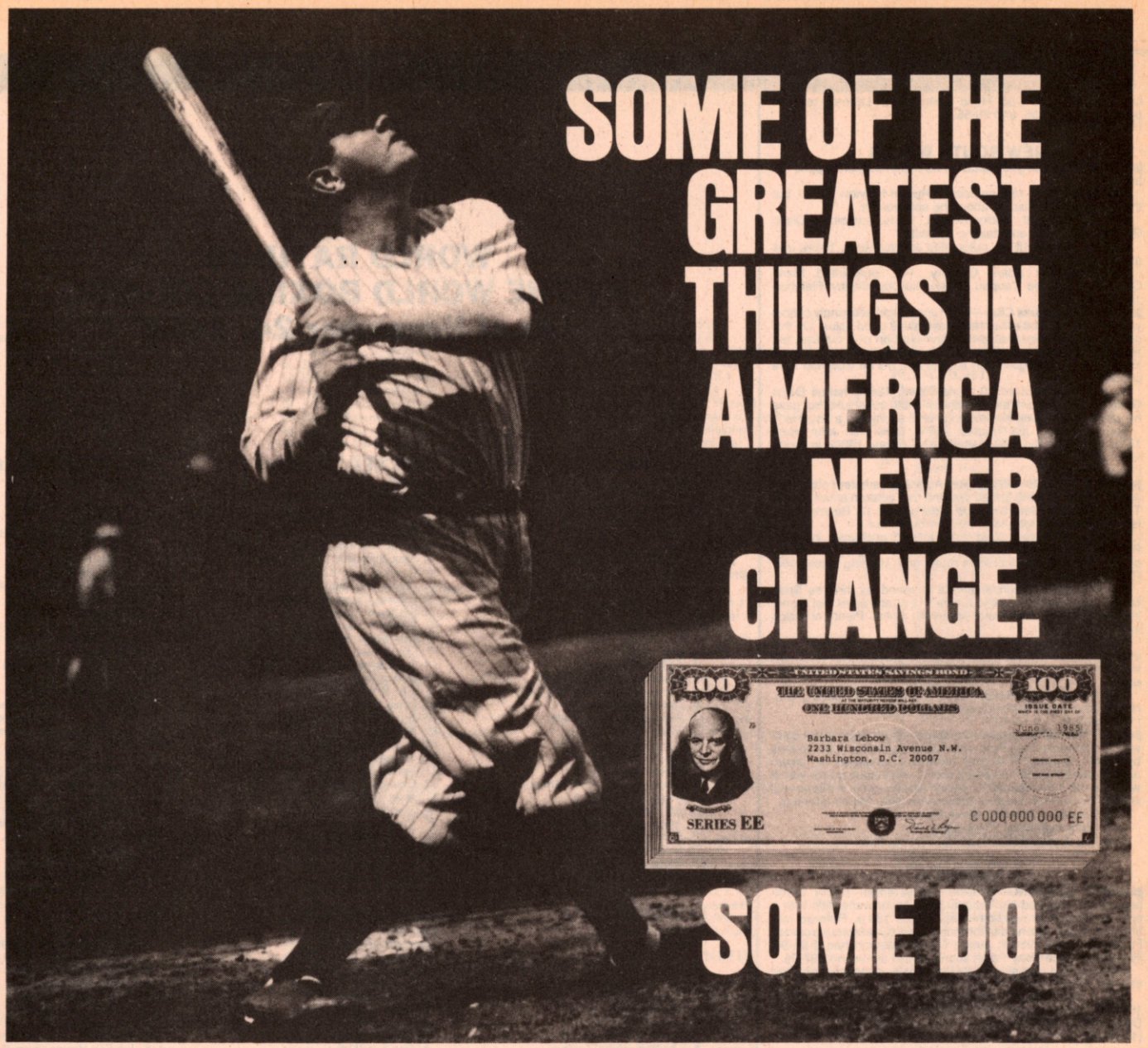
Billed for four rounds, Dean Winstanley, 152, had an early night. Referee Des Creed rescued his opponent, Tony Nobbs, 152, in round one.

Paul Buxton, 137½, outpointed Mike Slivka, 138, four.
(10-20-86)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**PERTH—Perry Lakes Basketball Stadium**—Tony Jones, 140, had an easy points win over Allan Allegria, also 140, champion of the Philippines and fourth ranked contender for the OPBF junior welter title. Referee Tom Greenwood scored 100-87, judge Bill Driffill 100-89, and judge Phil Rowley 100-90. It was so one-sided. Jones was dynamite. Allegria was courageous.

Jones will challenge Pat Leglise for the Australian junior welter title in Perth on November 19.



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The only other pro bout was a six-rounder between Lorne Lehman, 140, and Cool Hand Luke, 147¾. Lehman won on points, 60-54, 58-55, and 59-55.
(10-25-86)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶ST MARYS—Leagues Club—Two eight-rounders topped the bill.

Dino Billinghurst, 150, outpointed Robert Newton, 154½, but there was a lot of dispute about the split verdict.

In the other eight, Rocky Warren, 134½, outpointed Disco George, 141, in an entertaining contest.

Johnny Taupau, 191¾, outpointed Johnny Mack, 191¾, in a good six.

Four rounders: Adam Gregory, 141, outpointed Mario Crisafulli, 128. Joe Taupau, 158¾, kayoed Danny Fletcher, 158¾, in three.

▶DAPTO—Leagues Club—Fijian Joe Knight seemingly cannot win a fight in Australia, but he always gives good value. On this night, Joe, 161, was halted in round nine on of a cut eye, but his opponent, John Bogolin, 164¼, was well on top. Johnny Wright refereed. Bogolin hurt a hand and will be sidelined for a couple of months.

In another scheduled 10 Chris Dawe, 136¾, halted Disco George, 140, in round six. Disco was a late substitute, but gave his usual entertaining performance until he injured a knuckle.

Four rounders: Joe Taupau, 157¾, drew with John Hunt, 157¾. Billy The Kid, 160, halted Steve Henry, 152¼, in round four.
(10-31-86)

▶MARRICKVILLE—RSL Club—Australian amateur champion Jeff (Hitman) Harding turned pro and met veteran smart boxing Tommy Roberts over 10 rounds. It did not last 10. Referee Tony Rok counted out Roberts at 0:55 of round four.

It had been a very good fight, a solid encounter in which Roberts had to fight more than box, as Harding stayed on top of him. Roberts was floored in round one. Harding scaled 166, Roberts 163.

A cracking eight-rounder ended in round six, referee Brian McMahon counting out Billy Duluth, 112½, at 0:55 of that frame. Winner was persistent Peter Mitrevski, 114¾. Plenty of action in this one.

Two Islanders, Moli Kaufusi, 194, and Richard Lui, 200, met in a scheduled four. Lui went in as "The Brown Bomber," but was bombed out in round two, referee McMahon counting him out.

Two newcomers to the pro ranks engaged in an exciting four. Hector Cheetham, 133, outpointed David Stevens, 133.
(11-07-86)

▶GRIFFITH—Showground Pavillion—NSW State junior lightweight champion Craig Pevy, who was knocked out in two rounds by Lachie Williams in August (non-title), defended his crown against Williams and retained it with a unanimous points win. It was a terrific fight, best of the year in NSW. Lachie Williams was decked twice — an unusual occurrence. Billy Males refereed.

Ivan Colusso outpointed Steve Henry, eight.

John Hunt outpointed Frank Lapa, six.

Mark Lund outpointed Abnormal Romeo, four.

VICTORIA

▶NORTH GEELONG—Golf-Inn Hotel-Motel—Rocky Pirrottina, 139½, retained his Victoria State junior welter title with a split decision over southpaw Nick Hatzil, 139½. Referee was Malcolm Bulner, but he did not score. Judge Gus Mercurio carded Pirrottina winner, 98-92. Judge Chris Anderson had it 95-94, Pirrottina. Judge Tony Parisi scored Hatzil the winner, 97-94.

Hatzil boxed stylishly, but Pirrottina's pugnacity notched enough points to win.

Four rounders: Bob Drummond, 176¼, halted Guy Murdoch, 169¾. Trevor Keegan, 161, drew with Mark Bateman, 156½. Dean Hillman, 150, outpointed Tony Marretta, 143¼.
(11-07-86)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

▶PARAFIELD—Community Club—One six-round bout went on this night. The other bouts were wrestling.

In the boxing contest, Austin Taylor, 137¾, outpointed Eric Rigney, 135½. Referee Tommy Ferauto scored 60-52.
(10-24-86)

AUSSIES OVERSEAS

Australian lightweight champion Dale Artango lost the first bout of his career when he surrendered at the end of round five against Sakad Petchyindee in Bangkok with the OPBF title on the line. Artango's trainer, Brendan Tapp, a man who normally does not complain, had plenty to say when he returned to Australia. He claimed that Petchyindee hit low every round, hit after the bell ending every round, and openly butted Artango in the face — but was not cautioned even once. Yet the referee cautioned Artango for slapping — something Artango never does.

Furthermore, the Australian party, instead of being booked into a first class hotel, were placed in a sleezy pub. Every member of the Australian party contracted sickness from the food and conditions.

Brendan Tapp also claimed some cheating went on with the scales. An appeal has been laid to the OPBF and it is hoped that Artango and Petchyindee will meet in a return — this time in Australia.

RAY MITCHELL

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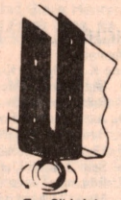

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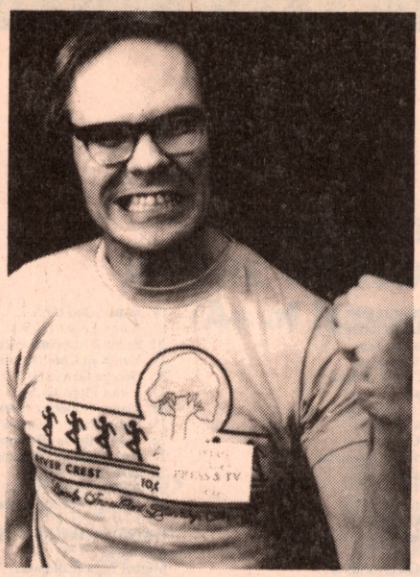

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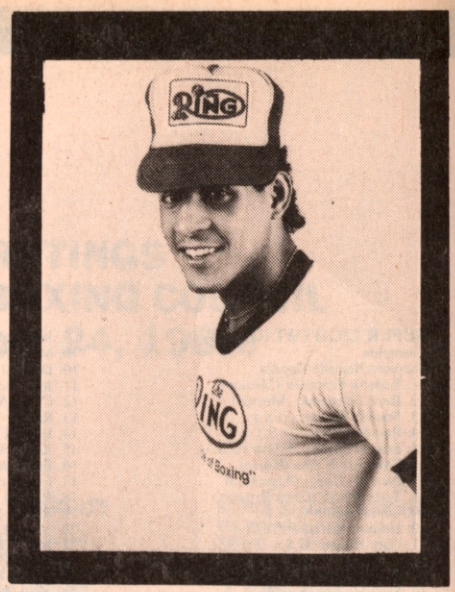

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Mike Tyson TKO2 Trevor Berbick
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Pinklon Thomas TKO7 William Hosea
Greg Page TKO8 Jerry Halstead
Lee Canalito TKO1 Don Ramsey
Willie de Wit TKO4 Conroy Nelson
(Retained Canadian Title)
Joe Bugner W1O David Bey
Tony Fulilangi TKO4 Lucius Kerkley
James Tillis Draw10 Avery Rawls
Bernardo Mercado KO1 Jose Luis Gonzalez
James Pritchard TKO2 Bobby Crabtree
Ladislao Mijangos TKO5 Tom Trimm
Johnny DuPlooy TKO2 David Jaco
Rufus Hadley TKO8 Sammy Scaff
Blake Gabriel W10 Jeff Freeney

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Bert Cooper TKO8 Carlos Hernandez
Michael Greer KO3 David Hardy
Kevin Wagstaff TKO6 Johnny Taupau

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Jesse Shelby KO5 J.B. Williamson
Jim MacDonald TKO8 Mike Costello
Frank Minton TKO4 Henry Milligan
Uriah Grant KO10 Arthel Lawhorne
Don LaLonde TKO9 Benito Fernandez
Wally Muhammad TKO4 Don Smith
Vincent Boulware KO2 Ronald Martin

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Michael Nunn W12 Alex Ramos
(Won California State Title)
Don Lee KO3 Bruce Jackson
Milton McCrory W10 Jorge Amparo
Darnell Knox TKO5 Leavell Stanley
Mustafa Hamsho W10 Jimmy Shavers
Kevin MOley TKO7 Irwin Hines
Tony Thornton KO2 Harry Daniels
Knox Brown W12 Lopez McGee
(Retained Mid-South Title)
Knox Brown KO3 Tim Knight
Barry Audia TKO2 Ron Swint
Tarmo Uusivirta W10 Jimmy Cable
Steve Darnell TKO2 Armando Guzman
Alex Temelkov W12 Sakaria Ve
(Won South Pacific Title)
Frank Winterstein TKO2 Eddie Smith

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Duane Thomas TKO3 John Mugabi
(Won Vacant WBC Title)
Matthew Hilton TKO2 Franklin Owens
Gary Cooper W10 Mick Courtney
Gregory Tutt W8 Sidney Outlaw
Khalif Shabazz KO2 Bob Nicks
John D. Jackson TKO1 Johnny Walker

WELTERWEIGHTS
Mark Breland TKO2 Orlando Orozco
Luis Santana TKO9 Allen Braswell
(Won Vacant NABF Title)
Lupe Aquino TKO5 Diomedes Colome
Vincent Pettway TKO2 Marvin Ladson
Felipe Canela W12 Young Dick Tiger
(Retained California State Title)
Rigoberto Lopez W10 Davidson Andeh
Tomas Molinares TKO3 Sergio Sanchez
Dionicio Castillo W10 Larry Benson
Mario Rodriguez W10 Johnny Herbert
Ali Salaam TKO8 Anthony Bryant
Hugh Kearney W8 Milton Leaks
Chris Clarke W10 Donovan Boucher
Alex Medel W8 Dexter Smith

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Tsuyoshi Hamada W12 Ronnie Shields
(Retained WBC Title)
Rene Arredondo W10 Saoul Mamby
Frankie Warren TKO5 Ozzie O'Neill
(Retained USBA Title)
Juan Ramon Santana W10 Joey Ferrell
Lupe Galvan TKO5 Jerry Grant
Harry Arroyo KO2 Rick Kaiser
Maurizio Ronzoni W12 Alessandro Scapecchi
(Won Italian Title)
Othal Dixon TKO6 Dwaye Prim
(Retained Texas State Title)
Eric Martin W10 Steve Gutierrez

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Greg Haugen W15 Jimmy Paul
(Won IBF Title)
Roger Mayweather TKO9 Sammy Fuentes
(Won Vacant Continental Americas Title)
Vinnie Pazienza KO4 Roger Brown
Yogi Buchanan TKO6 Alvin Hayes
Roberto Elizondo TKO7 Rafael Williams

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Greg Puente W12 Francisco Segura
(Won Vacant California State Title)
Tony Lopez TKO3 Roberto Cantu
Fernando Guzman W8 Frank Fazio
David Gonzales TKO3 Gustavo Martinez
Dean Marsden KO7 Steve Pollard
Harold Warren TKO4 Chris Silvas

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Calvin Grove W10 Aristides Acevedo
Tony Pep TKO10 Dale Walters
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Nedrae Simmons W10 Clint Hannah
Salvatore Bottiglieri W12 Carlo Quintano
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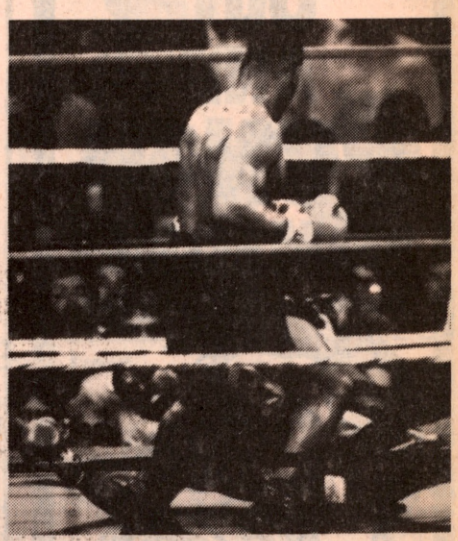

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Mike Tyson stands over Trevor Berbick after dropping the defending WBC heavyweight champion with a right to the head in the second round. Berbick beat the count but was soon down again.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Greg Richardson W12 Robert Shannon
(Retained USBA Title)
Johnny Carter W8 Tony Pruitt
Jose Sanabria TKO5 Steve McCrory
Darrell Thigpen TKO5 Louis Hernandez
Ramiro Adames KO6 Javier Ruiz
Alex Lopez TKO6 David Johnson

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Bernardo Pinango KO15 Simon Skosana
(Retained World Title)
Miguel Lora W12 Albert Davila
(Retained WBC Title)
Sugar Rojas W10 Jesse Williams
Hurley Snead TKO6 Kenny Butts
Mauro Diaz TKO7 Joey Roach
David Gauvin W12 Ernesto Guevara
(Retained Texas State Title)
Jesus Salud W10 Edel Geronimo
Raul Diaz W10 Karry Allen
Jimmy Navarro KO6 Carlos Lopez
Shane Sylvester W8 Danny Lee

FLYWEIGHTS
Hilario Zapata W15 Claudemir C. Dias
(Retained WBA Title)
Jun-Hwan Choi W15 Cho-Woon Park
(Won Vacant IBF Jr. Flyweight Title
Myung-Woo Yuh W15 Mario DeMarco
(Retained WBA Junior Flyweight Title)
Hi-Sup Shin KO 13 Henry Brent
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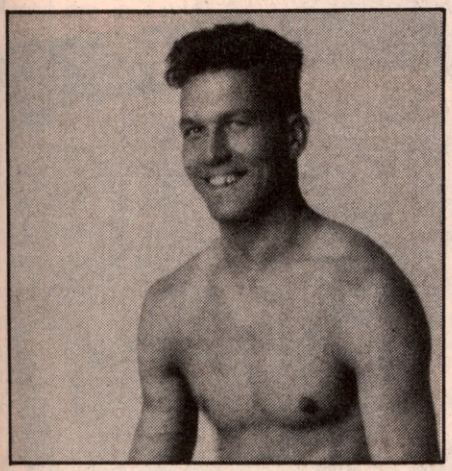


Jack Delaney

THIS MONTH WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE career of former light heavyweight champion Jack Delaney. Born in St. Francis, Canada on March 18, 1900, of French-Canadian heritage, he was christened Ovila Chapdelaine. A handsome, well-proportioned athlete, Delaney was blessed with a knockout punch in both hands. His precision and judgement when measuring an opponent was almost uncanny.

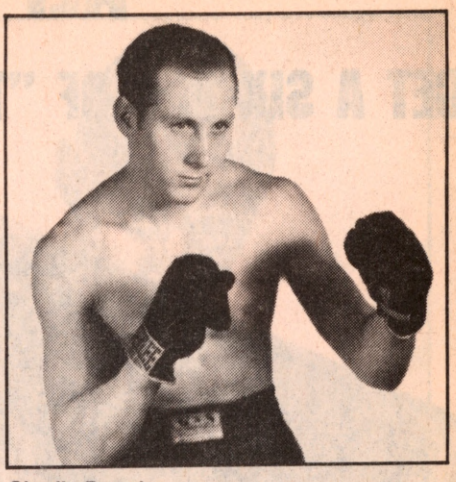
He began his pro career in 1919, winning most of his early fights by knockout. Among the men he defeated were Jack McCarthy, Jack McCarron, Italian Joe Gans, Jimmy O'Gatty and Frankie Carbone. Despite knockout losses to Augie Ratner and Young Fisher, by 1924, he had outpointed Tommy Loughran and kayoed Paul Berlenbach to establish himself as one of the best 175-pounders in the world.

The knockout over Berlenbach was a major upset, and the following year, they met again with Berlenbach's title on the line. Berlenbach retained the crown with a 15-round decision, but on July 16, 1926, Delaney turned the tables and outpointed Berlenbach over 15 rounds to win the championship.

The next year Delaney gave up the light heavyweight title to campaign as a heavyweight. He beat Paolino Uzcudun on a foul, but was starched in one round by Jack Sharkey on April 30, 1928. Delaney retired shortly after his loss to Sharkey, but made a comeback in 1932, winning three more bouts by kayo before hanging up his gloves for good after stopping Leo Williams in Hartford.

Overall, Delaney had 86 pro bouts, winning 70 (42 by knockout) and losing only 10. He fought three draws, two no-decisions and one no-contest. Jack passed away on November 27, 1948 in Katonah, New York after a series of illnesses. He was elected to *The Ring's* Boxing Hall of Fame in 1973.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES: The New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame held its 17th annual induction dinner at the Cameo Banquet Club in Garfield, New Jersey. Over 500 were in attendance. Honored were: Larry Hazzard, Dom Bufano, Marcel Bizien, Nick Abate, Rocky Castellani, Tex Gonzales and Frank Shain. Honored posthumously were: Eddie Allen, Ace Buckley and Hymie Kugel. Current IBF light heavyweight champion Bobby Czyz was voted New Jersey's Professional Boxer of the Year, while Derrick (Poppy) Rolan was the state's top amateur of the year. NJBHF president Henry Hascup and his committee are to be congratulated on a fine job . . . The Livingston, New Jersey chapter of UNICO held a celebration in honor of the late Charlie Fusari in East Hanover. This was not a memorial service, rather, the talk was of all the great moments in Charlie's career. A film of his welterweight title fight with Johnny Bratton was shown. Fusari lost a close 15-round decision, fighting most of the bout with a broken jaw. Although he never won a title, Charlie beat the likes ot Tippy Larkin, Rocky Castellani, Tony Pellone, Terry Young, and Vince Foster. In attendance were Rocky Graziano (who will ever forget Fusari's great fight with him?), Joey Giardello, Ernie Dorando and Al Certo . . . Ralph Lake, Ring 88, Philadelphia, was recently elected as the new president of the National Veteran Boxers Association. Buddy Hayes, Ring 4, Boston,



Charlie Fusari

is first vice-president, Jack Campbell, Ring 72, San Francisco, is second vice-president, Chet O'Kelley, Ring 44, Ohio, is third vice-president. William Inverso, Ring 88, is recording secretary and Joe Solomon, Ring 88, is treasurer . . . Freddie (Red) Cochrane, former world welterweight champion, is a patient at Lyons Veteran Hospital in Millington, New Jersey . . . The Sacramento, California Veteran Boxers Association held its Hall of Fame dinner at the Dante Club. Inducted were: Clay Worthley, Pete Ranzany, Herman Cater and Ray Valine . . . Ring 72 held its dinner/dance at the Sheraton Inn in Burlingame, California. Honored were: Johnny Ebarb, Jimmy Lester, Ray Lunny III, and Jack Campbell . . . BBC-TV of London, England produced a "This Is Your Life" television format honoring Jackie (Kid) Berg, who held the junior welterweight title in the 30s. Berg fought many times in the United States under the tutelage of Ray Arcel, who was flown to London as part of the show.

THE LAST ROUND: Bucky Jones (born Robert J. Caravaggio), the former New Jersey welterweight champ and leading contender in the 1930s, died November 7, 1986 at the Morristown Memorial Hospital following a short illness. He was 73. A veteran of over 100 fights, Bucky's biggest boxing thrill was defeating Johnny Jadick, the former junior welterweight champion. After he retired from ring combat in 1937, Bucky taught boxing to thousands of youngsters at the Morrisville Neighborhood House. He was inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame in 1975. He was a member of Ring 25 . . . Ring 4, Boston, is saddened by the loss of two faithful members, Bill Menza and Les Barker.

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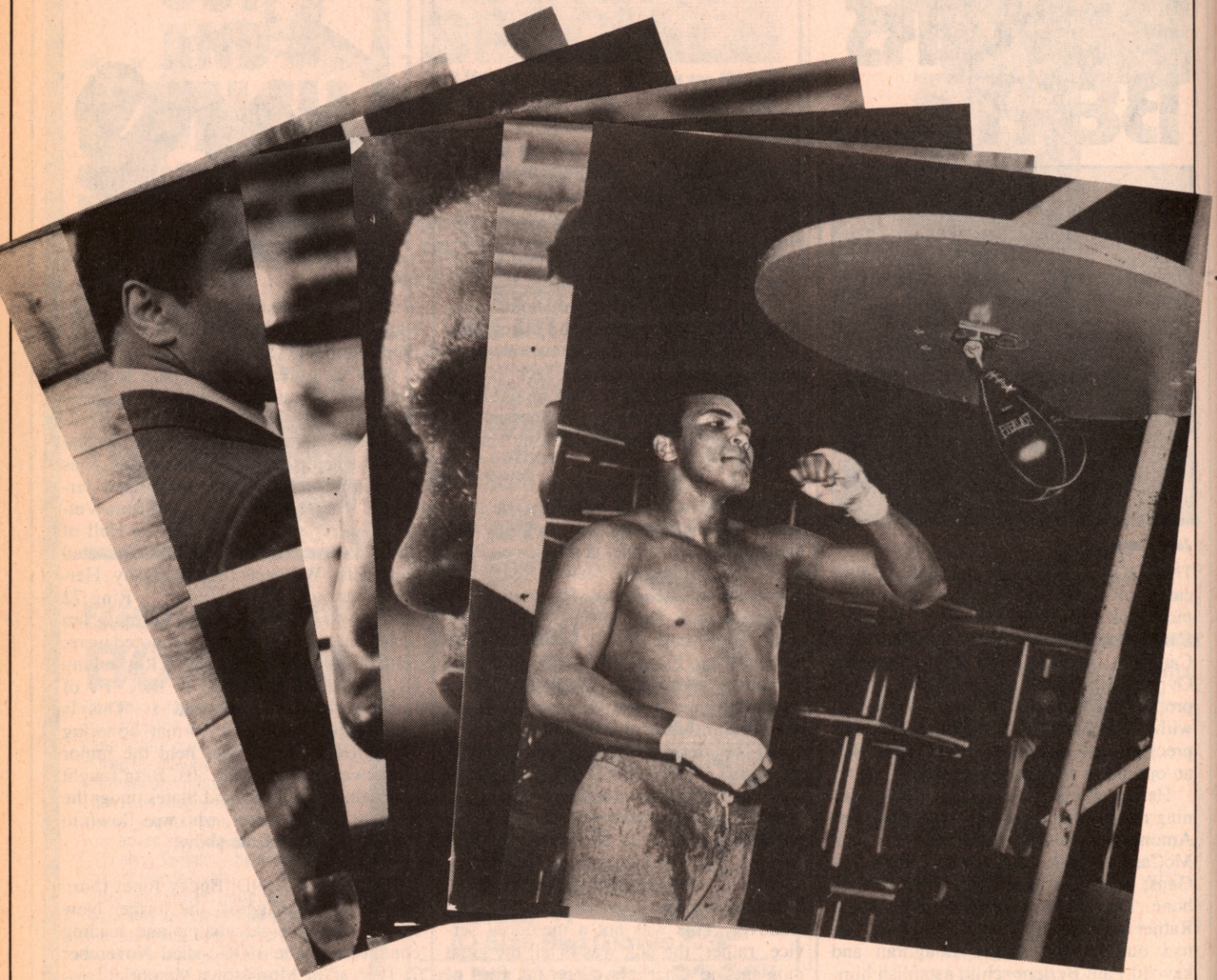

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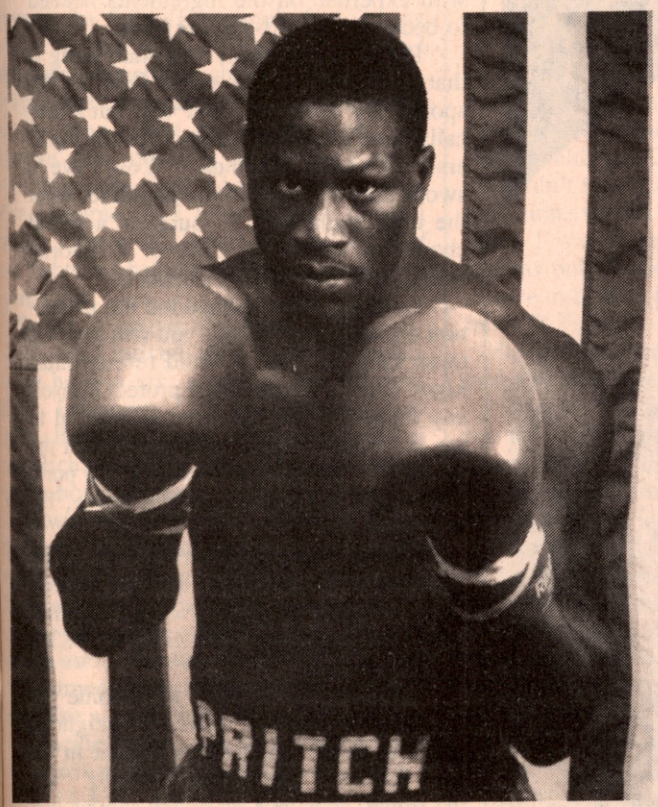
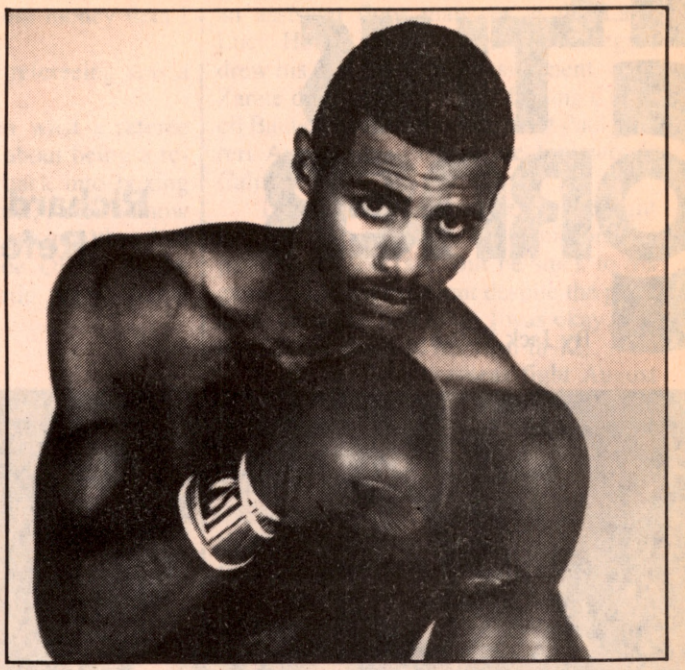
JAMES PRITCHARD HEAVYWEIGHT

THOUGH LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY IS BEST KNOWN IN sporting circles as the home of the Kentucky Derby, the city is also the birthplace of four former heavyweight champions—Muhammad Ali, Marvin Hart, Jimmy Ellis and Greg Page. James Pritchard plans to be number five . . . Following a brief 33-bout amateur career that included winning the '85 National Golden Gloves Championship as a super heavy, Pritchard turned pro in September of 1985 with a second round kayo over Vince Parker in Las Vegas. Since then, he has streaked to 10 straight victories, six inside the distance . . . Rather short for a heavyweight, the 5-foot-11, 215-pound Pritchard has been compared to Mike Tyson, *without* the pigeons, but *with* a left jab . . . 'Pritch' was developed by Joe Martin, the former policeman who first saw a spark of greatness in Ali, and is currently trained by Jim Doolin at the St. George Community Center. James, 24, is managed by James Pritchard, Inc., a company owned by Pritchard and Wendell Cherry, one of the wealthiest men in Kentucky . . . I'm impressed with his talent and his mental attitude," said Cherry. "He's energetic, has good work habits and likes to fight." Another important member of the team is attorney J. Bruce Miller who handles Pritchard's finances and helps make his matches . . . "Like most very successful athletes, James is cut from a different sort of cloth than the rest," said Miller. "He understands the price one has to pay in order to excell." . . . Though proud of Louisville's boxing heritage, Pritchard does not want to be confused with those who went before him . . . "I'm not Ali, I'm not Page, I'm not Ellis. I'm James . . . Edward . . . Prichard. I want to be set off from all the rest." □





VINCE BOULWARE SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT

THE HOUSTON BOXING ASSOCIATION HAS ATTRACTED some of the best young boxing talent from around the country to their Houston training center. Among them is Vince Boulware who began his boxing career in his native Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the local Boys Club. It was there that Vince met the legendary Kid Gavilan. "The Cuban Hawk" was training the Harrisburg amateur team at the time and even sparred a few rounds with the prospect . . . "Gavilan taught me the importance of the left jab," said Boulware. "You've gotta have a jab or you can't fight. I watch a lot of fights on TV. The guys with the good jabs usually win." . . . As an amateur Vince compiled a 172-11 record, but lost to Virgil Hill in the semi-finals of the 1984 Olympic Trials. It was while training for the trials at Josephine Abercrombie's (founder of HBA) ranch near Gonzales, Texas that Boulware caught the eye of manager Bob Spagnola . . . "He watched me work, then came over and gave me his card. Then he told me to call him if I wanted to turn pro." . . . A few months later Boulware took Spagnola up on his offer and joined the HBA camp . . . "Houston is my home now," said Vince. "It took some getting used to because it's so different from Harrisburg. But now I like it." . . . So far, Boulware has won 16 of his 17 pro bouts, with 14 quick wins to his credit. His lone loss was a shocker to Orlando Paulding, who stopped him in one round in August of '86 . . . "The loss to Pauling was a real freak thing," said HBA matchmaker, Ron Katz. "Vince was dominating, got careless, and was tagged with a wild right. He went down and hit his head on a ringside press table." . . . Boulware has shown no ill effects from the accident and has since bounced back to win his next three starts by knockout . . . His plans for the future? . . . "I think a title shot will come sooner for me than most people think. But being a champion isn't as important to me as making a couple of a million dollars, investing it, and then retiring." □

IN THIS CORNER

Richard Steele (Referee)

By Jack Welsh

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

WHEN A MAN UPROOTS HIS FAMILY, moving from one state to another to enhance a "career" that is more avocation than vocation, it's a big inning for dedication. Such is the story of 42-year-old Richard Steele, a one-time All-Marine middleweight champion whose second life in the ring has established him as one of the sport's premier referees.

When the 6'1" Steele told his charming wife, Gladys, it was time to foresake the smog and traffic of Los Angeles for the storied gaming oasis that is Las Vegas five years ago, it became a significant journey that would lift his growing credentials as the third man in 36 world championship bouts.

"I know I wanted to be the best referee there is, and the only way you can do that is by working," Steele explained. "So to get work, I had to move my whole family to Vegas because this city is truly the boxing capital of the world."

Actually, for mom and pop it was moving only half the clan. Daughter Zakeiska, now 11 and Shannon, 4, were born in Nevada. Richard's son, Anthony, 22, went to work in the county auditing department after finishing Los Angeles College, and a daughter, Mrs. Shandra Powell, 21, is married to an L.A. Minister.

Now with more than 2,000 amateur and pro bouts on his log, Steele philosophizes with expertise on the ingredients needed to become a world-class referee.

"Probably, the most important thing is that you have to have a true love for the sports. By doing so, you will automatically have a love and respect for the fighters," Richard contends. "You have a sworn duty to protect them no matter what the cost might be . . . such as a world champion losing his title, or a favorite losing on a home town decision.

"Once you have imbedded the protection aspect in your mind, you will prolong these kids' careers. A solid referee must know when a fighter can't protect himself any longer. What has been so helpful to me is I allow a kid all the chances in the world, but when I see it comes to a point where he can go nowhere but down, I'll stop the fight."

A perfect illustration surfaced in Alexis Arguello's second bid to take Aaron Pryor's World Boxing Association junior welterweight crown September 9, 1983 at Caesars Palace.

"Arguello was trying to become the first man to win four different weight titles, but Pryor was getting to him in the later rounds," the referee recalled. "On the finish, as Alexis sat on the canvas, not

a word was spoken, but we were both communicating with each other. Arguello's eyes were telling me he was whupped as he wrapped his arms around his knees. And as I was counting, I was trying to say, 'Please don't get up.'

"The way Arguello looked, it was as if he was saying, 'This guy is just too big for me! Alexis had hit Aaron with some mean shots that had kayoed so many people. But they weren't even fazing Aaron."

Steele is quick to remind that a referee's physical condition is almost as important as the fighters.

"Besides having the mechanics of the job, you must also keep your body in shape so you can go 15 rounds. You have to be ready to jump in when needed and jump out when not needed to give the fighters a chance to fight."

Like his peers, Steele agrees that time left in a three-minute round should not be a factor in any fight.

"Time remaining will never be important to me. If you take time as a factor, you're favoring a fighter. When a referee starts playing that way, he's gonna find himself in a lot of trouble one day, or get somebody hurt," Steele said.

"I also want the boxers to understand where I'm coming from. So before every fight I handle, I go to the respective dressing rooms to tell the guys what I expect in the fight. The simple fact is I get their full concentration that way. When I tell them something about Nevada rules, I want them to understand. Once they are in the ring, they don't hear you . . . they're only thinking about the fight. I was the same way when I was boxing. For example, if I have to take a point away, I know it's worth it because I told the fighters what could happen when they were calm."

Steele, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, who moved west with the family when he was six, served in the Marines from Februrary, 1961 until February 1966. Based at Camp Pendleton, California. Richard wound up in special services where boxing became full-time duty.

"I won the 165-pound title in 1963 at Lejuene, North Carolina on a great team which saw Ken Norton win the heavyweight crown and Mac Foster score among the middleweights," the ex-Leatherneck said, "I only lost seven of 35 bouts.

"I turned pro in 1968 under Eddie Futch who also signed Norton. Later, I worked with Jackie McCoy as my trainer, continuing to box until 1972 when I retired with a 18-4, 14 KOs record. I was also raising a family and needed more money than I was getting boxing."

Steele's transition to refereeing was a quirk.

"I never had an idea what a referee does, or even dreamed about being a referee. I wanted to get back into boxing because I loved it so much, I didn't know any other way to stay in boxing other than being a fighter until Joe Olsom of the California State Athletic Commission opened a door.

"Probably, the most important thing is that you have to have a love for the sport. By doing so, you will automatically have a love and respect for the fighters."
—Richard Steele

"I started with amateur boys clubs in Southern California, and later moved to pro smokers in places like San Bernardino, Bakersfield, and Oceanside. Some promoter didn't have too much money, so there were times when I had to judge some fights when I wasn't refereeing. I worked six months out of town before I got my first chance in L.A. at the Olympic auditorium in 1973."

Steele heard from detractors about the assignment before the first bell.

"People, lots of oldtimers, were telling me that if I could work there and do a good job, I could make it because it was a tough place to break in. The fans were as tough as the fighters.

"Refereeing seemed to come naturally to me, maybe because of my ring moves when I was fighting. Roy Tennison, who later came to Vegas, was the California commission's executive director who gave me my first big fight after one year. It was November 23, 1974 at the Olympic, the night Carlos Zarate stopped James Martinez in seven rounds."

Steele, whose work-a-day income is as an assistant floor manager at the Lady Luck Hotel-Casino in downtown Vegas, drew his first world title assignment when Zarate defended his World Boxing Council Bantamweight laurels against Paul Ferreri August 26, 1976 at the Inglewood, Calif., Forum.

"I was a little nervous before the fight because a lot of people felt Tennison was pushing me too fast. But he stuck to his guns on the appointment despite the pressure. Once the bell rang, I was okay. Zarate finally finished his man in 12.

"I got my first overseas fight August 6, 1977 in West Berlin when Rocky Mattoli knocked out Eckhard Dagge in five rounds to win the WBC junior middleweight title. I worked in Monte Carlo when Gerrie Coetzee kayoed Leon Spinks in one round. Overall, I've been to San Juan, Puerto Rico five times, the same number to Japan. I've also taken eight trips to Korea and other places like Caracas, Venezuela and Panama."

Steele doesn't rate one world title fight over the other regarding prestige "because they have all been so equally important to me for what they represent to the fighters."

"I can't say one is greater than the other because I have two human beings whose lives are literally in my hands. It would be impossible to say one means more than the other. The Marvelous Marvin Hagler-Thomas Hearns fight in April 1985 at Caesars Palace certainly was one of the most electrifying for everybody. Hearns took more shots than Arguello.

"My toughest fight to work was when Zarate knocked out Alfonso Zamora in four rounds. The reason was both had so much talent and hit so fast with both hands. They also knew every illegal trick in the book, so I had to be sure they weren't trying to put one over on me. They were stablemates who really disliked each other. The blood was so bad. Zarate finally finished it with a series of six punches."

Steele can't conceal his admiration for the dedication displayed by Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight champion who hasn't been defeated in 10 years.

"Hagler is one of the greatest fighters I ever refereed. He has a way of fighting that no matter what his opponents do, he's going to stick to his game plan. Marvin simply overpowers his opponents. He has worked hard to prove his greatness."

Hagler vs. Sugar Ray Leonard at Caesars, April 6?

"Please now . . . don't ask me that question." □

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FOR FLOYD PATTERSON
Former Heavyweight champion

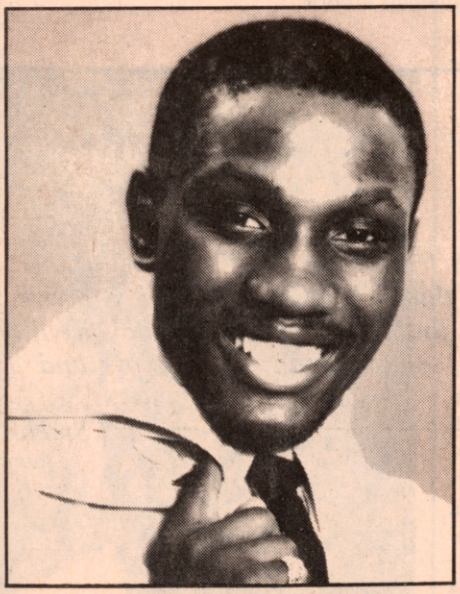
Q: How do the fighters of today compare to those from your era?
D.H., LOS ANGELES, CA

A: There are a few good fighters today: Mike Tyson, Mark Breland, Tim Witherspoon, Marvin Hagler . . . those guys come immediately to mind. But when I think back to my era and remember Sugar Ray Robinson, Kid Gavilan, Johnny Saxton . . . I don't see those kinds of skills today.

FOR ERNIE TERRELL
Former WBA heavyweight champion

Q: What's this I hear about you running for alderman in Chicago?
B.J.K., HOUSTON, TX

A: People have asked me to seek that seat and I want it. I'm presently rounding up support and getting a campaign organization together. I'm ready for a new challenge and I want to help more people than just new boxers.



FOR PERNELL WHITAKER
1984 Olympic gold medalist and undefeated lightweight contender

Q: Which one of the three lightweight champions would you most like to fight?
S.C., PHILA., PA.

A: I'll fight any one of them, especially Camacho. He can run, but he can't hide from me. He don't like me, and I don't like him. We hardly know each other, but there's a grudge that goes back to a sparring session we had in my amateur days.

FOR JIM JACOBS
Co-manager of Mike Tyson

Q: Why has a relatively inexperienced trainer like Kevin Rooney been able to do such a good job training Mike Tyson following the death of the legendary Cus D'Amato?
P.B., SEATTLE, WA

A: Cus worked with Kevin to a point that when he answers newsmen now, the answers come out like Cus'. Kevin thinks like Cus and teaches like Cus.

FOR MARK BRELAND
Undefeated welterweight contender

Q: Would you fight in South Africa if there was enough money involved?
K.M., NEW YORK CITY

A: Absolutely never, I'd be afraid I might not be able to get back.

FOR THOMAS HEARNS
Former welterweight and junior middleweight champion

Q: Are you still angry at Marvin Hagler and Ray Leonard for refusing to give you a rematch?
T.F., DETROIT, MICH.

A: Both of them are cowards, and they're both trying to duck me. The fact that they both beat me once makes them feel they don't have to give me another chance. So what, they beat me once? I deserve another chance.

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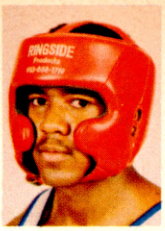

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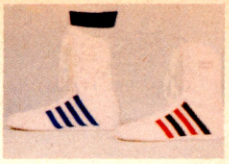

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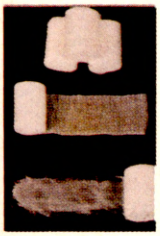

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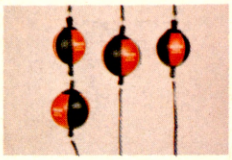

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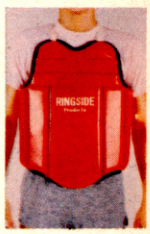

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